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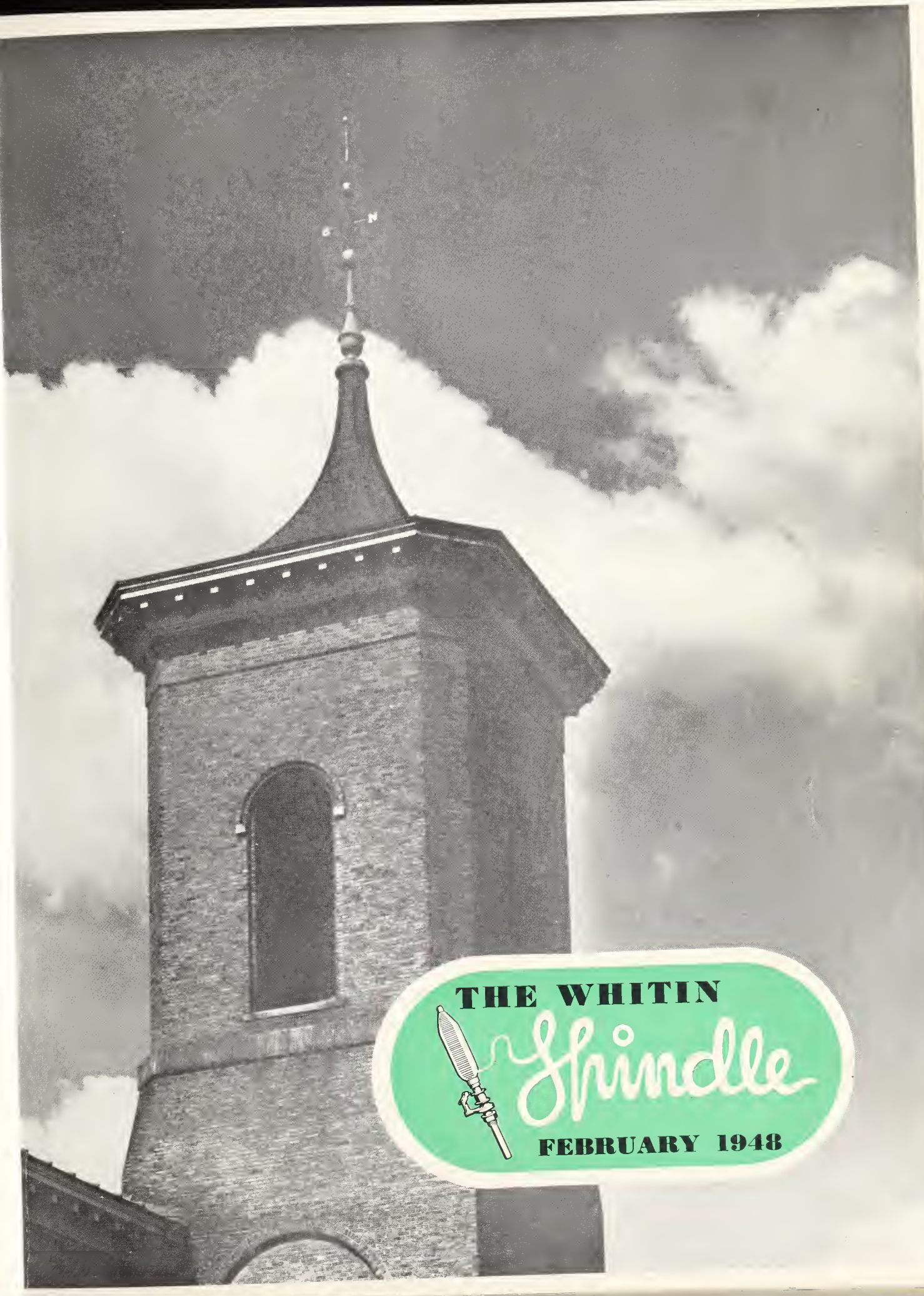

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A Letter to You from Our President

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WHITIN MACHINE WORKS

WHITINSVILLE, MASS.

It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you the new edition of the Whitin Spindle.

All of us have many interests in common as employees of the Whitin Machine Works. The Whitin Spindle will bring us news of these common interests and will help us to become better acquainted. Through these pages we hope to share our experiences in the Shop, in our homes and in our various communities.

Our paper will take us on tours of the factory and show us how our Whitin machines come into being. It will take us also into other factories and places and show us how the Whitin machines we make add daily to the convenience, happiness and life of our fellow Americans and of our friends abroad. In these columns we shall learn from each other how we can work more safely and more efficiently and how we can get along together harmoniously.

In short, the Whitin Spindle is a paper <u>for</u> and <u>about</u> us, the employees of the Whitin Machine Works. It is also a paper <u>by</u> the Whitin employees. Therefore, let us all take part in our new undertaking and make an outstanding success of it. Our editors, particularly, want our help, our suggestions and our criticisms. If all of us co-operate in every way, we can make our Whitin Spindle an outstandingly good shop paper. It all depends upon our mutual effort.

I hope that you will read and enjoy the Whitin Spindle and that it may bring our great family closer together.

J. Hugh Ballou
President

February 9, 1948

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Reminiscing with the Editor

Remember the old SPINDLE that was published a number of years ago—the shop paper with its many laughs, good stories, photographs of shop employees, and interesting shop happenings?

Many of you older employees will remember the SPINDLE, but to members of the younger generation and newcomers to the plant, the SPINDLE, as it makes its reappearance with this issue, is something new.

It was after World War I, when the SPINDLE was first published. During the first World War, and more so in World War II, there was a great turnover of labor here in the plant as well as in other industries. Many men were called to war duty, many moved to other places of employment, their work here in the Shop being carried on by people from all walks of life and from all parts of the country.

When the war ended and men returned to the Whitin Machine Works, they found many new faces, people they did not know. After a short span of years they felt like strangers in the plant to which they returned.

Through the new SPINDLE, which will be published once a month, we plan to renew old friendships, become acquainted with new employees and familiarize all with the general workings of the plant and with the Company's products.

The present staff hopes to make this new edition as interesting as the old SPINDLE back in the twenties.

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This first issue of the new SPINDLE may not be all-sweeping in its scope of shop doings, but the following issues should give greater coverage with your help. A publication of this type, in order to be interesting, requires the coöperation of each of us. For instance, if you have news items, stories, ideas, notes, hobbies, photographs, old or new, of yourself, your family or fellow workers, let us know about them.

We ought to have so many good news items that it will be just a matter of selection to present the most vital and interesting things that are happening daily right here in the shop.

We have on our staff, photographers, cartoonists and contributing editors as well as twenty reporters located throughout the plant. As you read through the SPINDLE, why not acquaint yourself with the reporter in your section and turn over to him or her, as the case may be, any lively, interesting news you may have.

FRONT COVER: The weather vane is believed to have been erected when belfry was built in 1852. The weather vane, six feet long and twenty inches high, is a replica of one of the first pickers built by John C. Whitin, founder of the Whitin Machine Works.

BACK COVER: Our record snowfall this year has been back-breaking to many. However, Jean Feddema and Eleanor Dorsey of the Personnel Department, find beauty in this snow-covered Magnolia tree located at the top of Forest Street. Photograph by Walter Departie.

KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

SPINNING DEPARTMENT

by

Francis J. Horan

Members of this department are in one accord on the re-issue of the SPINDLE Everyone from O. Bonoyer, D. Bailey, and H. Ebbeling, the three oldest in point of service, to the newest men in the department, is pleased that once again he can watch for and read this paper that the employees can call their own. Years ago when it was printed every family certainly enjoyed its news and photos. At this time I would like to ask anyone who has any item of interest in our department not to hesitate to bring it to the column's attention.

Attention, by the way, was drawn to a traffic congestion on Douglas Road a few days ago by—well, we hope that L. Messier (Chet Greenwood's first assistant) has by this time availed himself of a little cylinder tape to prevent his battery from dropping onto the road.

The boys in the Woolen and Worsted Division (E. Marshall's) were pleased and amazed at Mario Colabello's rapid recovery after his accident in Milford. Who said an adjustor even with the right book cannot straighten out a lot of cases.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harley Buma and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Valis on the births of sons, and Mr. and Mrs. L. Tanfani on the birth of a daughter.

We were glad to see some of the road men renewing acquaintances around the holidays. Among those we saw were R. Ferguson, F. Strom, F. Bazinet, E. Wallace, J. O'Brien, R. Chipman, O. Williams, S. Gustavson, L. Mooradian, and E. Racine. Hope these and other road men will forward news items and photos to the SPINDLE.

W. Oolovigian (Dillinger) hasn't got over his scare in New York yet, where he was held up and relieved of his cash. He met his sister, Louise, on the cellar stairs the other night when she was carrying a few sheets to the kitchen. With her arms well loaded, Walter thought he had just about entered the land of promise, and almost fainted away. Her quick call saved the front door from being torn off the hinges on his way out.

L. Paul Gamelin, down now to a mere shadow, will probably be glad when the big trip to the altar will be made this spring. Those 300-mile jaunts on a week-end are rough on anyone, Paul.

The Blue Eagle Inn has a new customer, the pride of Southbridge—not Bill Swiaki of Columbia fame, but K. Hutchinson who pays good money to live at the Blue Eagle, but manages to get to Connecticut twice a week. It looks as though Hutch is about ready to join the benedicts.

Department members wish to extend their sympathy to B. Kelliher and W. Leclaire on the loss of brothers.

W. Willette is back to work after suffering from a bad fall and we hear that J. Graham is on the road to recovery from his recent illness.

L. Valle has resigned to take up the art of housework. Good luck, Lucy.

The medical journals claim that if you have avoided the current epidemics so far, you are either immune or your wife has taken over. It is called "Shovelitis."

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TOOL JOB

by

Shirley Oby

Tom Postma is having a month's vacation, meeting a lot of interesting people and being educated at the same time. Tom is serving on jury duty.

Position, style and technique add greatly to build up bowling scores, so they say. Did you ever watch Fred Cowburn roll 'em down the alley??

Darrell Burroughs who has amused us many times with his drawings and cartoons is now a member of THE WHITIN SPINDLE staff. We'll watch for your work, Darrell. Good luck.

Congratulations, Bill Moran, former Tool and Cutter man, on the birth of a 7-pound daughter born January 23.

Next time there's a fire the boys are going to send Walter Lawton a postcard. Seems that he missed the last one by two hours.

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CARDS & CARPENTER SHOPS

by Henry Mathurin

Joe Burns, Jr., of Department 440, is making plans to re-enter the Navy. Joe served three years in the Navy during the war as a gunner and participated in several major battles.

SCREW & GRINDER JOBS

by Joe Martin

They say the boys in the Tool Crib are looking for a new job classification. They have a new rating as the "Plaster Pot Boys."

The department is going to give Harry Remillard a helper so that he won't get his other arm banged up. We will need him for the softball team.

Our deepest sympathy to William and Lewis Smith on the death of their father, Warren Smith, a former member of this department.

Where would the "get up and go" spirit of the Bonnie Brook basketball team be if it were not for the powerful lungs of that rabid fan, Pat McCudden.

Laurels to Tim Andrews who is going to give lessons on how to get the assistance of a certain farmer when your car gets stuck in the snow in Rockdale.

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GEAR JOB

by Jennie Ozog

Members of the Gear Job wish to extend best wishes for a speedy and thorough recovery to their foreman and everybody's friend, George S. Dyer, who is at his home recuperating from an operation performed a few weeks ago. The whole department misses George a lot and are all looking forward to having him back with us again soon.

Best wishes to Russell Rosborough on his engagement to Ann Kusiak of Uxbridge.

The only wedding of the month for Department 420 was that of Gerald DeJong to Charlotte Vincent of North Uxbridge, which took place at the Vincent home on January 17. The reception was also held at their home.

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AROUND THE PLANT

by Sally Jones

We sure are having some winter and I think all of us have had our fill of shoveling. If any of the town folks would like to hire some good men, I can recommend three good ones—Roy Drinkwater, Milton Philbrook and Bernard Shaw—they sure did a good job recently, digging out the fire truck when it skidded into a snow bank.

Peter Youngsma, of the Gear Job, came into the parking lot Monday, January 5, and parked his car in his regular stall. As he was leaving, he noticed that one of his neighbors had gone away and left his car lights on and as Peter is a good Boy Scout, he went over and switched off his friend's lights. Having done his good deed for the day, he went on his merry way. Now comes the $64 question—who turned Peter's lights out?????

Gerrit Ebbeling, the genial foreman of the Core Room, had some lockers painted recently. As Ebbie is a thoughtful sort of a chap and does not want anyone to get messed up, he put up a sign that read "Wet Paint"—now, it seems, the old boy does not believe in signs for he was the only one to get into it.

MILLING & CHUCK JOBS

by Joe Roche

Jerry St. Germain of the Milling Job and the Mrs. are receiving congratulations on the birth of a baby boy—7 lb. 7 oz.—at Woonsocket Hospital, Wednesday, January 14.

Bill Baszner, Sr., of the Milling Job, left for Miami, Fla., Saturday, January 24, for a six weeks' vacation. Accompanying Bill was his wife and daughter, Mary Phyllis, also his granddaughter, Linda Baszner, daughter of Bill Baszner, Jr., of the Planer Job. Here's wishing them a very pleasant trip.

Bob Gardner of the Chuck Job was a very puzzled boy the other night. It seems he was all set to go home and he looked around and everybody was laughing at him. He couldn't figure it out until he put his coat on, and then he found a sign hung on his back announcing his coming marriage on Saturday, January 24, to Hilda Johnson of Blackstone. They were married in Woonsocket, R. I. Here's wishing Bob and Hilda the best of luck.

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RING JOB

by Ted Bisson

Arnold Patella had a close call Friday morning, January 23, while on his way to work. As he was coming down Hill Street, a trailer truck forced him off the road. Arnold's car turned over, not once, not twice, but three times. We're all glad to see that you were not injured.

Louis Paul, our former time clerk, has left our ranks for the Army Air Corps. He reported for duty at San Antonio, Texas.

Our bowling league began its second half on Friday, January 2. Due to Parriscau's expert bowling on Friday, January 23, the "Five B's" are now leading the second half by one point. The Teamsters, who took the first half, are right on their heels.

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PICKERS & ROVING ERECTING

by

Sidney Meidema

Mr. Joseph Charles LeClair died January 22, 1948, at the age of forty-four years, after several weeks of illness at Milford Hospital. He was employed at the Whitin Machine Works for twenty-five years, worked on Department 421A Card Flats and was last employed at Department 421. He leaves his widow and one daughter, both of North Uxbridge. We express our heartfelt sympathy to his family.

SPINDLE JOB

by

Joe Hickey

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Bill Petrin upon the death of his four-year-old son, Edward.

Best wishes to Jennie Konvent, who became the bride of Frank Chosta of Northbridge in St. Patrick's Rectory, January 12. They are honeymooning at Miami Beach, Fla., for three weeks.

Department 439 extends wishes for a speedy recovery to Marion Larson who is confined to her home with rheumatic fever.

The Spindle Job Bowling League is enjoying a good season. Competition within the league has been very keen, resulting in many close matches. The first half was won by the Sacred Cows, who by the way, are leading the second half by a wide margin with 10 games won and 6 lost, and the Silver Clippers are close on their heels with 9 games won and 7 games lost.

While shoveling snow on Sunday, January 18, Martin Gahan suffered a heart attack and at present is resting comfortably at his home on Pine Street. We extend our best wishes for a fast recovery.

Joe Pelletier was playing cards during the noon hour recently. On a certain play Joe got excited and reached for a cigarette to soothe his nerves. A moment later his blood pressure went up again, one of the shop guards handed him a ticket for smoking.

Members of the Spindle Job are looking forward to moving to their new location above the Wood Pattern Job.

A freak accident occurred outside of the Spindle Job on Wednesday, January 21. A huge icicle hanging from the roof over the Small Packing Job came loose from its moorings and plunged earthwards, taking in its wake three windows. The heavy ice just crushed the windows in, one window on each floor. Fortunately no one was injured. The damage was taken care of within a few hours.

Sonny Adams had battery trouble with his car. Being a mechanic, he took the battery out, put it on the front seat and fixed it. After the battery had been put back into place, Sonny forgot to throw away the piece of cloth he had underneath it on the seat, which, by the way, was covered with acid from the battery. A few hours later as Sonny was going about his work, he felt a sudden draft in the rear of his pants. Looking around he discovered that he had a large hole in his pants and getting larger as the acid ate the cloth away. Sonny went home—.

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Keeping Up with the News

(*Continued from page 5*)

FOUNDRY

by

Varkis Arakelian

Joseph Duquette, president of the A.F.L. Union in the foundry, has been out ill for nine months. Joe is in the Worcester County Sanitarium and is doing nicely. Joe is one of the old-timers in the foundry and we all wish him a speedy recovery. Armand Houle has been voted in as acting president of the A.F.L. until Joe has fully recovered to take over his duties.

Albert Johnson recently returned from Oakham, England, where he visited his parents. Albert hadn't seen his parents for twenty-four years and it was really quite a reunion. Albert liked England and says they are reconstructing the bombed area there quite rapidly. "It was great to be with the folks," Albert said, "and the people were swell to me, but still there's no place like the good old U.S.A."

Frank Shugrue has been appointed supervisor of the Squeezer Unit Pourers, Weight Shifters and Bench Pourers. His job is to improve casting quality by reducing misruns and duty castings. Frank was assistant foreman of the Bench Molders.

Joseph Deneault has entered the hospital for the removal of his appendix. Joe will be out of the foundry about six to eight weeks.

Armand Gagnon at this time of the season has only one interest after working hours. His main interest now is trying to get his bowling average up high enough so he can take honors at Worcester Telegram Bowling Tournament. Last year Armand did very well; he came in second in the first round with a score of 1,121 for ten strings. But competition was great and this score didn't take any prize. His average is now 106, but he's trying to do better. We wish you luck, Armand, and I know you'll have plenty of your friends there rooting for you.

Daniel Kazerian is out sick and it will be good to have him back on the job as soon as he gets well.

Pete DeBoer is taking a three months' leave of absence to visit Worku, Holland. The ship he's leaving on is the "Vee Nean" of the Holland American Lines which leaves from Hoboken, N. J., May 7, 1948. Pete is going to visit his two brothers whom he hasn't seen for twenty-five years.

Rouke Delang was operated on Monday, January 5, for appendicitis, and is well on the road to recovery.

ROLL JOB

by Harold O'Connell

We extend heartfelt sympathy to Harold Tatro upon the death of his mother, Mrs. Cecilia Tatro, Saturday, January 3.

Chester Flinton, Edward Ebbeling, Herman DeVries, Andrew McKaig, John Baker, and John Onanian attended a hockey game between the Boston Bruins and Detroit Red Wings, Wednesday evening, January 14, at the Boston Garden.

Best wishes to: Janet Wenclauik whose engagement to Raymond Stefancyk of Department 429 has been announced; Virginia Pelton who was married to Julius Senkarik of Department 437, December 6, 1947 in Boston—they are making their home in Whitinsville; Victoria Gelinas who was married to Leonard Miskiawick, Foundry, Saturday, September 10, 1947 in Woonsocket, R. I.

Wilfred Reneau has returned to work after an absence of five months due to illness. . . . The night shift boys miss the services of Wilfred Morin who resigned to manage his filling station in Linwood.

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COMBER JOB

by Hector Chase

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Valente of Free Street, Milford, will celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary, February 15, 1948. Members of the Comber Job wish Mr. and Mrs. Valente the best of health and may they live to celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

The Comber Job Benefit Club had its annual elections and the following were elected: Hector W. Chase, president; Oliver Benoit, vice-president; Franklin Greene, treasurer; Edward Jones, secretary; and Patrick Kelley, member-at-large.

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BOLT & PLANER DEPTS.

by Ray Woodcome

Many happy returns to Doris Rankin who celebrated her birthday January 9. A party was held in the Bolt Job crib during the noon hour. Girls from Department 412 attended.

Many happy returns also to Ray Young, assistant foreman of Department 412, who also had a birthday January 9.

Veronica Mahoney of Department 412 attended the "Ice Capades" in Boston with the Thursday night bowling group. She reported that the show was very good this year. This report coming from Veronica should be tops, as she takes in all the New York shows.

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COTTON MILL

by Wm. Smith

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. William Benjamin who celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on December 15, 1947. Mr. Benjamin is the popular watchman at the mill; also to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Tebeau on their twenty-sixth wedding anniversary to be celebrated on the twenty-seventh of February.

Congratulations are in order to Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Ledoux on their recent addition to the family, an 8-lb. 11-oz. boy, born at the Whitinsville Hospital on Saturday, January 17.

This department boasts of an unparalleled combination. They have working with them two morticians. They are Lawrence Volpe, Sr., and Lawrence Volpe, Jr., father and son, of Milford.

Alan Blizzard complained to me of a strange malady. He said it was termed "dogitis." Seems he was the cook at the last Foremen's Club Meeting.

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BOLSTER JOB

by Bizar Hagopian

Congratulations and best of luck to Harold Emond of Department 438 and Clara VanBrug of Department 439 who were married in the Methodist parsonage on Friday, December 26, 1947.

In the past fifteen weeks, Thys Baker has won the weekly bowling prize at the Pythian Alleys for high three strings fourteen times. Thys, one of the leading bowlers in town, holds the high three records of 420 at the Sparetime Alleys and 434 at the Pythian Alleys.

Jock Davidson

Jock is going to work in Jacob DeJong's office. We will surely miss Jock as he has been working in Department 438 for fifteen years. He was presented a pen and pencil set by his friends. Dominic O'Gara is now working as stock clerk in the Bolster Job office, taking Jock Davidson's place.

Bill Gouin, on the night shift, is a proud parent of a baby girl. Bill also broke his thumb recently but says it's healing fast and it won't be long before he'll be back working on the automatics again.

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ROVING SMALL PARTS

by Betty McCudden

Arthur Litke recently bought a 12-gallon tank equipped with thermostat, for his family of twenty-four tropical fish. Late the other

night, upon returning from a visit with Harold Litke, Art found the fish floating on the top of the water in a semiconscious state. A checkup found the thermostat had stuck and the water was 110 degrees. As town water contains chlorine, and the fish cannot live in it, Art made a hasty trip to the pond, chopped a hole in the ice, brought a couple of pails home on the double and saved the fish. On last report the fish were expected to recover.

Mary Hugley recently bought a new electric refrigerator. After a few days, Mary noticed that the refrigerator was stopping for no apparent cause, then starting again. She complained to the merchant that the refrigerator was defective. However, before the repair man came, Mary found that in some way it was hooked up to the bathroom light switch and when anyone put the light on or off, it affected the refrigerator.

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FREIGHT HOUSE

by J. Harold Baszner

We are glad to say that after weeks of illness Levi Rascoe, supervisor of the Loading gangs, has returned to work and is looking fit once again.

The month of December, 1947, brought wedding bells closer to one of the members of the freight house office—Clarence Bisson, by name. I understand a few of the boys he works with are proceeding to give him a good talking to on how to be a good husband. Anyway he certainly has picked a lovely girl to walk down life's path with—Miss Janet Britten.

Thurston K. Brown, assistant traffic manager, became the proud daddy of his second son, Sunday, January 18. His wife, the former Madeline Gorman, and baby are doing fine. Congratulations.

James H. Metcalf, who is working in the freight office, soon leaves to go back into radio work. Starting February 1 he will announce the station breaks at WAAB, Worcester. We all wish him the best of luck.

The packing job lost one of its old members Monday, January 19, in the passing of Moosek Bedigian, formerly of the foundry. We extend our sympathy to his family.

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OFFICE NEWS

by Florence Pieleski

With this our initial edition of the SPINDLE we have two or three reporters in practically every office with their ears, eyes and noses pitched on high frequency catching everything that might be termed as news. We aim to please and as time goes on, I promise you, our aim will get better.

Alice Ferguson and Gene Kennedy report from the Main Office that George Broadhurst was operated on Tuesday, January 13, at City Hospital, Worcester. The latest word from George is that he is getting alone fine.

Dick Dunn left Tuesday, January 13, and is going to work in the Sales Department of the Charlotte Office. He was formerly in the Export Sales Department here in the plant.

News from the Engineering Department was handled by Barbara Brown and Flora Frieswyk, to wit: We welcome to the Drafting Room, James C. Hobbs, from Oil City, Pa. Hobbs is our new welding engineer and we hope his stay with us will be a long and happy one. We also welcome to our department, Charles R. Drabeim, of Franklin, Mass. He is an amateur magician and a very good one.

The Drafting Room takes pleasure in announcing the engagements of three of their girls. Betty Connors received a ring from Henry Bianchi of Milford, Muriel Dupre from Henry Gaulin of Woonsocket and Barbara Brown from William Pendergast of Whitinsville. The favorite song in the Drafting Room at this point is "I'll Dance at Your Wedding."

Mame Britton, Janet Pieleski and Herbert Lightbown collaborated on the Repair Department news and they roll out the "welcome mat" to three newcomers, Reggie Rascoe, Ruth Cormier and Chet Walker.

Marion Gonlag McCooey, S. R. Mason's former secretary, and Captain Jim, of the Occupational Army, are in Germany. Marion writes, "the war has done much damage to the old Germany, but the people seem somehow to struggle on." Marion and Jim plan a vacation in Switzerland and hope to see the Winter Olympics. We hope we'll hear about the dazzling event from them. It may interest you all to know that Marion has a German voice teacher and is progressing nicely with her singing lessons.

Ollie Walker, who accepted a position with a Southern concern as a salesman, was feted at a farewell party during the Christmas season. Sidney Mason presented Ollie a portfolio in behalf of the office force. Ollie's duties commenced January 1—beginning the New Year—NEW.

Charlie Pearson and wife left by car for a month's lull in the warm sands of Miami. They were accompanied by the Leon Houghtons, now of Andover. Remember Sally formerly with the Cafeteria staff, and Leon from P. B. Walker's office? Leon and Sally plan to stay in Hollywood, Fla., for their vacation.

Tad Wallace, Maurice Murray and Hugh Currie were approached at the very last minute to be reporters. They gave me the eagle eye and came across with the following. Congratulations are in order for Eileen Mary Kane, who was married February 7 in St. Patrick's Church to John D. Sawtelle of Blackstone. John is employed in the post office in Blackstone, and upon returning from their wedding trip they will take up residence in that town. Three other young ladies who will soon be wedded from the Production Department are Betty Lafrancois of Fisherville, Simone Labrecque of Linwood, and Patricia Murray of Whitinsville. Betty is engaged to Frederic Baker of Castle Hill Road and no date has been set for the wedding. Simone will wed Jack Gilchrist of this department June 19 in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Linwood. "Pat" Murray and Henry Rivet of the Drafting Room will be married in St. Patrick's Church come April 17.

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Fifty Years Plus —

James R. Ferry

It would not seem fitting and proper if in this first edition of the SPINDLE, we did not give a thought to these two young men. James Ferry, now at the age of 87 years, has worked 69 of those years here in the plant. Albert Brown, age 81 years, has been employed at Whitin for 65 years. Both of these men are working every day—an admirable and fine record.

Albert J. Brown

by

Harold Case

Greetings, readers! Before starting this column of sports here and there, I would like to say that I hope you will get some pleasure from it and also any and all contributions will be cheerfully accepted. That goes for any criticisms too! A person once said that he might not be able to improve something but he could always change it—which hardly will hold true on these efforts—improvement will be easy. So let's have them.

The local sports picture is rather bare at this writing. Basketball, of course, is the big excitement and any reader who hasn't been down to the Gym to see at least one night of basketball games is passing up a good bet. One of the "refs" who hails from Worcester told me he was very much surprised at the brand of ball played in the Industrial League. In fact, he insisted that most of the teams could take any team in any league now functioning in Worcester.

Another interesting feature of these games, besides witnessing good ball playing, is that the fans are never too certain who will win every time out. Of course, Bonnie Brook is a perennial winner, but even they have had a few close calls and there is always the "off-night" to worry about. Thursday, December 18, the game of the season was Bonnie Brook versus Belval's Cafe (the latter has been the only team so far to defeat the Brooks). The series was settled evenly when time was up and most of the spectators went home. It was almost ten o'clock and after all, six a.m. comes early; but by leaving early they missed the best game of the night. The Triple A and the C.I.O. were battling it out for the cellar and from the second quarter on first one was ahead then the other and the C.I.O.'s came out on top by the small margin of two points, thus giving them their first win and it looks like they have the makings for some more victories in the second half of the league. Last year the Gym had a team in the league and, without any trouble at all, they lost nineteen games in a schedule of twenty. The twentieth game was the pay-off as they defeated Belval's, thus forcing them into a tie with the N. V. Cafe for fourth place. The tie-breaking game found the N. V. Cafe getting into the play-offs. Looks like there is fair possibility of the same situation coming up again this year. First game is six forty-five and the last game starts anywhere around ten o'clock. Bring a lunch if you wish! As several games will have been played between the writing of this column and the time you read it, I don't see much point in giving you figures of the league standings as they may be radically changed almost any day. However, you might like to know that in determining the winner the Shaugnessy system of play-offs will be used. That is, the first four teams will be eligible for these play-offs and at the moment Bonnie Brook is leading with the Plummer A.A. in second spot and the N. V. Cafe and Belval's tied up in third place. So much for basketball.

The only other active indoor sport is bowling. It is interesting to note that the averages of the highest individual three-string scorers, Fred Siep'etowski of the Shop League and

Photograph by Walter Departie

Exciting moment in basketball game between Bonnie Brook and Plummer A.A., Thursday night, January 15. Left to right: Harley Buma, Tom Cawley, Mike Kosiak, and John Magill with the ball. Jackie Radcliffe is shown in the left background

Ed Postma of the Tool Job League are about six points apart. Fred has a 100.7 average for 48 strings and Ed has a 94.6 for 45 strings. A match between the two leagues would rate a toss-up as practically all of the bowlers in both leagues who have rolled around 45 strings are, at the most, less than three points apart in averages. How about someone promoting a best two-out-of-three match at the end of the season for a dinner?

Photograph by Walter Departie

Bob English, captain of the office bowling team, showing the Screw Job team how to roll them. Seated: Herb Park, Francis Fleener, John Baker, and Dave Buma. Standing: Dick Sanderson and Mal Young. Bob's team is leading the league in the second half of the contest

IDEAS MEAN MONEY TO YOU

During the year 1947, $4,189 was paid to employes for worth-while suggestions.

David Gray, formerly of the Screw Job, now with Methods, received the highest single award, $435. Dave suggested a better and faster method of slotting screws.

A Quarter of a Century Ago

George W. Rae, of the Electrical Department, attended an alumni dinner at the Wentworth Institute in Boston, Saturday night, February 10.

Oliver Benoit and Nap Guertin went ice fishing in Meadow Pond, and reported a catch of forty-four perch and pickerel.

The Whitinsville Checker Club is planning weekly matches and has arranged a tournament with Clinton and Woonsocket.

Anthony Campo, pitcher for the Yard Baseball Team, champions of the 1922 season, was married to Louise White, of 8 Border Street, Whitinsville, Mass.

The annual meeting of the Whitinsville Rifle Club was held Friday evening, February 2, in the Employment Department. Plans were made to make the coming season the best in the history of the Rifle Club. It was estimated that the membership would include fifty members.

Quick Action Prevents Explosion

Leon Guyette, a welder, with his quick thinking and acting, prevented a fire in the Welding Room from reaching very serious proportions, Wednesday, January 28.

Gene Tatro, another welder, working near Guyette, was busy welding a piece of metal and using the gas from an acetylene tank on a hand truck which also contained an oxygen tank.

Unknown to Gene, while he was welding, the gas from the acetylene tank started to leak around the valve at the top of the tank. Suddenly, as the gas flowed from the leak closer to Gene's torch, there was a blinding flash of light. The escaping gas had been ignited by the flame from the torch.

The intensity of the fire around the tank caused the four safety valves to burst open on the head of the tank, resulting in five flames shooting from the tank at the same time. This started the automatic sprinklers overhead.

Leon Guyette, noticing the blaze, put on his hat, coat, and gloves for protection from the flames, rushed over to the tank and tried to stop the escaping gas. Realizing his efforts were useless, he pulled the oxygen tank away from the flaming acetylene knowing that if the oxygen heated up, it would in all probability explode causing untold damage as well as loss of life.

The Fire Department was called but before the fire could be brought under control, considerable welding material in the vicinity of the fire was destroyed.

VETERANS

All veterans who have volunteered for Honor Guard duty for our returning war dead will be excused from their work for a period of three hours with no loss of time. They will be paid on their day rate basis.

INCOME TAX RETURNS

Just as a reminder, the Massachusetts State Tax returns are due March 1. You must file a return if your gross income was over $2,000 for the year 1947. The deadline for your return to Uncle Sam is March 15.

Service Men Receive Albums

Sunday, January 11, all veterans who served in World War II from the town of Northbridge, received books containing their pictures and service records. With the coöperation of the people of the town and through the untiring efforts of Lawrence Keeler, editor-in-chief of the "News from Home" and his committee, this presentation was made possible.

Photographs by Kenneth Stanley

Upper left: Several of the boys sat down to check over the book. Earl Blair, Riverdale; Phil Skillen of the Tool Job; Richard Haywood, Riverdale; and Harvey Roy, Spindle Job

Lower left: Lawrence Keeler presenting Dave Buma with one of the first albums

Upper right: Ted Wallace looking over album with four-year-old daughter, Janet. She was as interested in the album as was her father

Lower right: Milkman Joffre Lavallee took time out from the Rockdale Dairy to pick up his album. He is shown with Edward Kilcline, who works on the Metal Pattern Job

Keeping Up with the News

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The recent snow has broken all records this winter, and the Production Department has a singular distinction as far as records go. F. O. Rizer, our production manager, established a record himself when he became the first Texan in the history of the Lone Star State to buy a pair of overshoes and a snow shovel the same day. We know that "F. O." uses the overshoes, but we are not so sure that we can say the same for the shovel.

"Doc" Couliard who has been taken more or less for a continuous ride by "what a gang, Gummy," is in his element. It seems that said "Gummy" recently went up to the Pattern Loft to get the pattern on a *steel* cam.

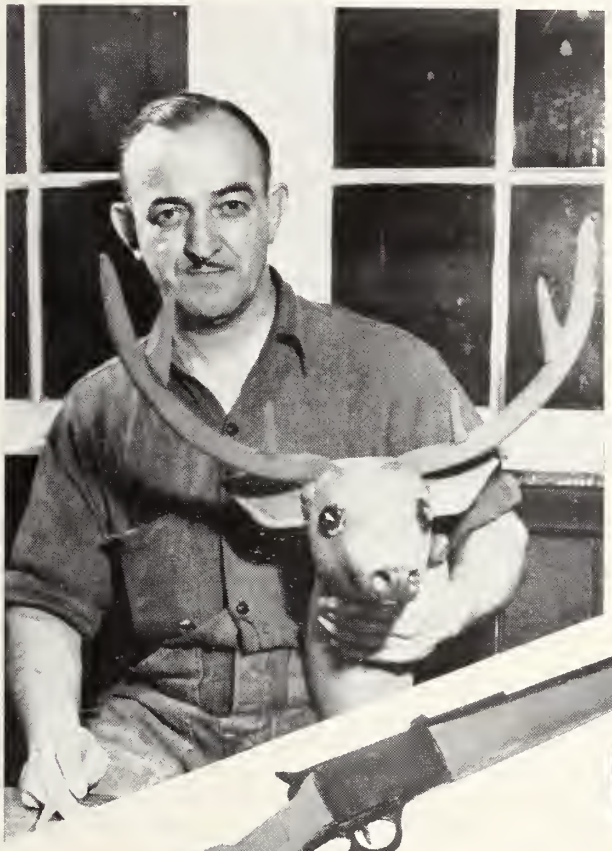
Old man weather has given all of us trouble one way or another, but Frank Mullins could use a little of your sympathy. It seems that "Mull" was working until 9 p.m. one night and noticing how bad the weather was, he decided to call his wife and tell her he was going to stay at the Blue Eagle Inn. Well it so happened, that at the same time he picked up the phone, the loud speaker gave out with a hot polka. His wife still believes he was phoning from a barroom. (Hmmm, must of been "Rock and Rye Polka.")

Ray Bagley worked his way through the snows to Providence with a diamond for Marie Phillips and she's gonna keep it. Joe Platukis has been drawing up house plans which looks like the wedding with the girl friend is not far away. Dick Rau, the cartoonist, of Methods, adds—Priscilla Kane of our department and Harry Osterman exchanged "I do's" January 31 in St. Patrick's Rectory, Whitinsville. They will reside at 26 North Main Street after a wedding trip. Our best to both of you.

Frank Martin, our reporting rate setter, sandwiched in the following—now that the holiday rush is over and we are back on the beam, we find a few new members added to our Time Study Department. Mrs. Paul Marin who arrived here from Nuernberg, Germany, September 16 is now residing in West Upton. Also Mrs. Thomas Cahill from Manchester, England, who came to the States, March 1, 1946. Let's hope they enjoy their work and stay in the Time Study office.

Leonard H. Skerry walked the church aisle with Dorothy Hobart of Whitinsville, on January 31. We all wish them the best of everything. We only noticed one new diamond in the Payroll Computation Department, and that on the hand of Lorraine Gauthier, who pledged her troth to Robert Blair of Riverdale.

HOBBIES — Animals of Sand



Henry LaPlante with his deer head made from baked sand. The main part of the head is made from two cores and pasted into one piece. The eyes, ears, and antlers are also separate cores filed to size and pasted together. The time involved to complete the head was five hours

This automatic rifle and bear's head are fine examples of Henry's ingenuity with a file and pieces of baked sand. The rifle is complete in every detail even to the sights. The bear's head is also complete in detail with teeth and a tongue. Each tooth was filed separately and pasted into the mouth. Both these pieces were painted to make them look even more realistic

Henry LaPlante of the Core Room, with the use of a file, hacksaw, and paste, turns broken cores (baked sand) into lifelike looking animal heads, ducks, fish, or what have you.

Henry lives in Woonsocket, R. I., and is unable to go home for lunch at noon. After eating his lunch in the shop, he found that time was hanging heavy on his hands while waiting for the one o'clock bell to ring.

One day he was wondering how to utilize the noon hour when he noticed several broken cores piled up in one corner of the Core Room. He picked up one of the cores and started filing on it, with the idea in mind of making a reasonable facsimile of a rabbit. After working on the project for thirty minutes, the core had been transformed into a very good likeness of that fast-moving, four-footed little animal.

Encouraged with the results of his first efforts, he decided to attempt more complicated pieces such as a deer's head or a bear's head. The cores, being small in most cases, he found it was necessary to paste several pieces together in order to start out with a large enough piece of sand to obtain the life-size figures he planned to end up with. After this operation, he used a hacksaw to cut off the surplus sand and the rough and coarse edges. The file was then used for the more intricate details.

To date, Henry has completed quite an array of figures, including a deer's head, bear's head, ducks, rabbits, fish, fishing rod and a rifle.

Alert Co-workers Rescue Employee

John Swart of the Parkerizing Department, was recently saved from instant death by his fellow workers, William Morrissette, Rene Ethier and Clayton Thurber.

Swart and Morrissette were lowering pieces of steel into a hot water bath when the accident occurred. This bath is used to remove excess liquid coating from metals after they have been Parkerized or rust-proofed.

When metal parts are ready for the bath after the Parkerizing operation, they are hung on hooks attached to a 15-foot horizontal bar or rod. The pieces are then lowered by hand into a tank of boiling water 15 feet long, 20 inches wide and 3 feet deep. In order to make it easier when lowering or lifting work from the tank, a 10-inch high wooden step, running parallel with the tank, is used to stand on. Swart standing on this step, started to lower his end of the bar, while Morrissette handled the other end. Somehow, Swart lost his balance, struck his chin against the tank and slid into the hot water.

Morrissette immediately ran to Swart's aid and pulled him out of the tank. In the meantime, Rene Ethier and Clayton Thurber noticing the accident, rushed over to Swart and took off his clothing to prevent him from further scalding. They then rushed him to the Shop Hospital.

The excellent manner in which these men handled a very serious situation is highly commendable.

The shop ambulance crew, as well as the members of the Whitinsville Blood Donors Club, deserve a great deal of credit for the part they also played in this accident case. The ambulance crew, after being called, arrived on the scene within a very short period of time. Already the Blood Donors Club is replacing the Memorial Hospital Blood Bank with 25 pints of blood for Swart. We are happy to report that Swart is receiving excellent care, and there is every prospect for his recovery. Everyone hopes that he will soon be well and with us again.

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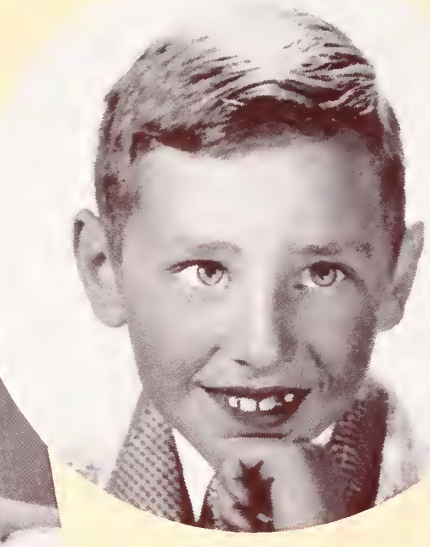


Andrew, age 8, Gertrude, age 6 and Helene, age 3, children of Peter VanderSloot of the Quality Control Division

Youngsters

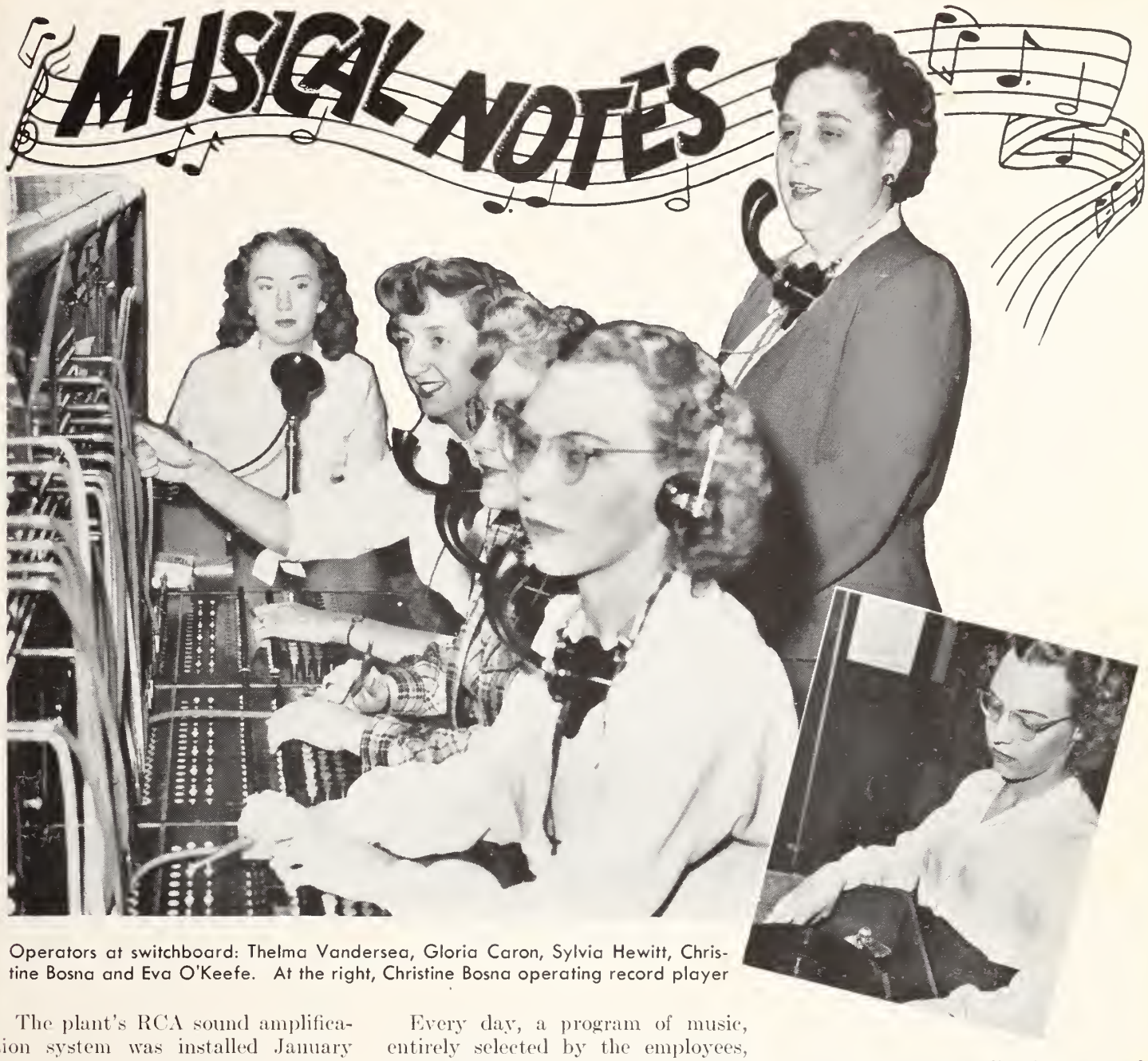
God sends children for another purpose than merely to keep up the race—to enlarge our hearts, to make us unselfish, and full of kindly sympathies and affections; to give our souls higher aims, and to call out all our faculties to extended enterprise and exertion; to bring round our fireside bright faces and happy smiles, and loving, tender hearts.—*Mary Howitt*

Sandro is the two-year-old daughter of Kirkor Ovion in the Foundry

Gayle, age 8 months, is the daughter of Kenneth Stanley, Tool Maker

Sandra, 8 years old, Sheila, 6, Billy, 4 and Karen, 2. William Kidd, Inspection Engineer, is the proud father

MUSICAL NOTES



Operators at switchboard: Thelma Vandersea, Gloria Caron, Sylvia Hewitt, Christine Bosna and Eva O'Keefe. At the right, Christine Bosna operating record player

The plant's RCA sound amplification system was installed January 21, 1943. It is "piped" so that a program can be presented at one time in a single department, or building, or section thereof, or in all buildings, as desired. It is said to be the largest installation of its kind on the Eastern Coast.

The telephone switchboard and the control panel of the public address system, are independent of, but adjoining in the plant's main switchboard in the inter-plant communications office located in the administrative building.

The board is divided into 14 groups, or group combinations of stations, to which a program may be sent. Here, also, are the microphone and a large electric automatic phonograph, which plays 12 records without manual changing.

Every day, a program of music, entirely selected by the employees, is broadcast over the public address system and its 350 loud speakers located in the various buildings of the plant. The requested selections are played from a library of 2000 records. The program during the day is divided into four 15-minute intervals. In the evening, there are two 15-minute broadcasts.

Lively marches, polkas, and snappy band selections rank first among records preferred by night workers. The day workers, however, seem to like sweeter, softer music.

Women prefer vocal selections, while most men like instrumental numbers, especially recordings by bands. Waltzes find favor with everybody.

If, for any reason, the music broadcast is delayed, the office switchboard is almost immediately swamped with calls from employees who miss their favorite tunes or records. There is no room for doubting the programs' popularity.

The public address system is a vast improvement over the bell signal system which was used for many years. Considerable time is saved in handling each call. For example, the greatest number of calls an operator could complete on the bell system was 76 in a nine-hour day. In January, 1948, amazing as it may seem, by official count taken on the new system, it was revealed that 413 names, exclusive of repeat calls, were paged in 9 hours.

As the telephone operators receive requests to announce page calls, they

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LET'S HEAR FROM YOU

After our introductory, or first, issue of the SPINDLE we have attempted a diversification of subject matter which we hope you will find interesting.

We still need your co-operation in submitting items of interest about yourself and about the fellow working next to you. We should like to hear from those of you who have hobbies and interesting backgrounds. There are, no doubt, many personalities among us who at one time or other may have been circus performers, professional athletes, actors, soldiers of fortune, or may have followed some other unusual vocation which would be interesting to our readers.

We are also looking for photographs, particularly of your children, or wedding pictures of young people who were married recently. Occasionally we should like to run a page of old-time photographs, of employees, of the Shop, of former athletic teams, or of important events which happened long ago and are still of interest to us.

If you can assist us along these lines, notify your reporter or communicate with the editors whose office is in the new Apprentice Room.

COVER: Thelma Vandersea, one of our operators, broadcasts a message over the public address system. This system contains 25,000 feet of wiring and 350 loud speakers. The loud speakers can be adjusted according to location. If they are located in a section of the shop where there is a lot of noise, such as the Blacksmith Shop, then the volume is stepped up, while in the offices it is modulated.

KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

TOOL JOB

by Shirley Oby

Charlie Mateer has graduated from the Job and is now a member of the Methods Department. What will the milk machines do without you!

Leo Petrie, who recently resigned his position as vice-president of the C.I.O., has the thanks of the Job for looking after our interests while in office.

Al Hamilton, supervisor of the Tool and Cutter Room, witnessed a pretty rough fire at the home of his in-laws in North Grafton, February 11. The fire started at 5.40 a.m. and was not completely out till noon. A great deal of one-half of the house was burned and there was a heavy loss from smoke and water damage. The all-important facts were that Al's son, Robert, five years old, had spent the night at his grandparents and that everyone got out of the house with no personal injury.

Francis Gibbons, of Millbury, is now learning the mysteries of the office and will replace Mal Whitten who leaves for the Army the latter part of March.

A business meeting plus "super" entertainment was held by the Job's Benefit Club March 1 in Firemen's Hall. Members enjoyed the melodious music of Fred Cowburn's famous orchestra consisting of "Big Jim" Malcus, accordion; Archie Bolivar, fiddle; George Harabedian with his "geetar"; Art "Krupa" Barsey beating the drums; and nimble-fingered Joe Bartlett at the piano.

Our famous quartet, better known as the "Four Grease Spots," serenaded a vast audience of nearly 250. They are also known by the names of Fred Cowburn, Ken Stanley, Sid Lafleur, and E. Kooistra. Refreshments were donated by the wives of the club members. Vic "Astaire" Oby did some of his tap dances.

MILLING & CHUCK JOBS

by Joe Roche

We hear that Pete Nash has improved his bowling after receiving a few lessons from George DesBarres. Incidentally, George has a good average. It seems Pete was on the night shift so long he forgot how to bowl.

There are three new proud papas in this department, Louis Martin of the day shift, and Eddie Murray and Arthur Francoeur of the night shift. Louis and Eddie have been blessed with boys and Arthur is rejoicing with his daughter. Hearty congratulations!

We are sorry to hear of the death of Jim Daley's father. Jim, who is the time clerk on our night shift, has our deepest sympathy.

Everyone is pleased to hear that Garabed Harabedian is on the road to recovery after being seriously ill with pneumonia.

Among those receiving birthday congratulations are Bob Craig, Anne Carlson, and Gladys DeYoung.

Everyone on the Chuck Job is hoping for the speedy and complete recovery of Mrs. Ted Cormier.

COMBER JOB

by Hector Chase

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur VanDyke, of Crescent Street, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary February 20. Members of this department wish them the best of health and luck for many years to come.

Henry Graves, a fifty-three-year man in the Whitin Machine Works, fell and fractured his collar bone February 5. He was admitted to the Memorial Hospital the same day. While at the hospital Henry also underwent an operation for hernia. His condition is reported to be very good. He is convalescing at the residence of his sister, Mrs. Florence C. Richardson, 249 South Quinsigamond Avenue, Shrewsbury.

Receives new Buick

In observance of the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Valente, a dinner was served at the Hoboken Club in Milford where 300 friends and relatives participated. The highlight of the party was when the four Valente boys—Lee, Cosmo, Raymond, Jr., and Louis—known as the Lee Valente Orchestra, played the "Anniversary Waltz" and "I Love You Truly," and then presented their parents with a brand-new Buick sedan.

CARDS & CARPENTER SHOPS

by Henry Mathurin

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Bedard family of Uxbridge on the death of Henry Bedard. He was employed at the Whitin Machine Works as a rigger. Surviving, besides his parents, are his wife and three children.

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WHITIN across the Rio Grande

Mexico brings to our minds visions of awesome mountains, of sunswept fields, of brilliant-hued flowers and of siestas beside tinkling fountains in sequestered patios. Not all of Mexico presents so tranquil and pastoral a view—there is evidence also of vigorous enterprise and teeming activity in the growing industrialization of the land south of the Rio Grande.

One of the most important factories recently constructed in Mexico is the mill of Negociacion Textil La Concordia, in Queretaro. When La Concordia was ready to begin its operations several months ago, Senor Aleman, President of Mexico, and a number of other dignitaries attended the opening ceremonies and the President himself threw the switch which inaugurated the operation of the mill.

La Concordia is a modern textile mill which boasts the latest improvements in its construction and in its machine installations. The mill is air conditioned throughout and is equipped with the most up-to-date temperature and humidity controls for efficient operation. Much of the machinery is of Whitin manufacture and includes Whitin opening and picking machinery, Whitin Cards, Whitin Drawing Frames, Whitin Roving Frames, Whitin Spinning Frames, Whitin Twisters and Whitin-Schweiter Winders.

Five of our erectors assisted in installing our machines in La Concordia mill. Mr. Harold Williams of Whitinsville was in charge of installing the opening and picking machines, the cards and the drawing frames. Mr. J. R. Creekmore, one of our Southern erectors, installed the roving frames, and Mr. J. D. Shelton, also a Southern erector, installed the spinning frames and twisters. Mr. Shelton was assisted by Senor Jose Loredo who is now working with Mr. J. J. Foley, our Export Manager. The winders were installed by Mr. Alvin Theilker.

La Concordia is only one of many Mexican mills in which we have recently installed Whitin machines. Mr. Harold Williams, together with other erectors, are even now busy erecting our machines in another textile mill in Mexico.

Mr. Williams interrupted his work in Mexico around Christmas time to fly home with Mrs. Williams and spend the holidays in Whitinsville. During this interval, we had an opportunity to talk with Mr. Williams about his experiences in Mexico and were rewarded with an interesting travelog.

Queretaro was described by Mr. Williams as a fairly large city about 190 miles northwest of Mexico City. Queretaro has a number of stucco and brick residences which house the wealthier families. All such homes on a single street are joined together and present a solid front to the traffic of the thoroughfare. However, in the rear of these houses, there are private patios (open courts), with beautiful gardens and fountains. It is not unusual to see, besides flowers and shrubs, the useful as well as ornamental lime tree. When your Mexican host wishes to mix a drink, he merely reaches out and picks the fresh fruit from his own lime tree. Such surroundings seem made for romance. Our Mexican friends do not frown on romance but approach it more sedately than is our custom. A young man is rarely permitted to associate with the young lady of his choice. Except on Thursdays and Sundays, he may serenade her in Romeo and Juliet fashion, he on the street and she behind her open, but barred, window. On Thursdays and Sundays the happy lad may be accompanied by his girl friend at a band concert or other public festivity under the eagle eye of her chaperone.

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Whitin Across the Rio Grande

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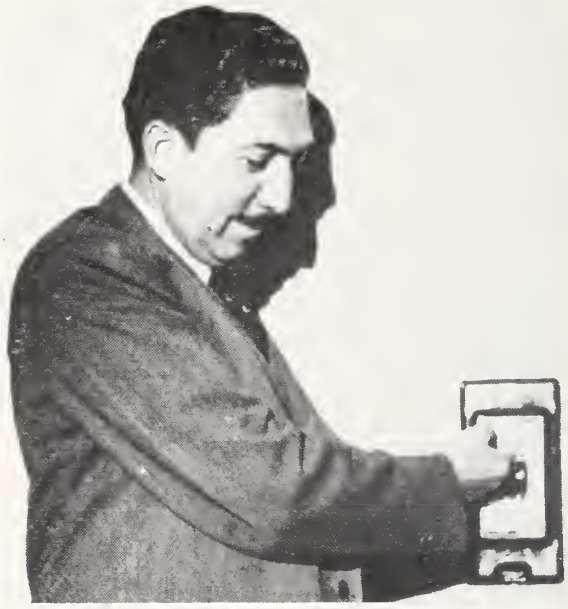
The life of the peon presents a great contrast to the gracious living previously described. The peons who are for the most part descendants of the Aztec Indians, live in mud huts lacking practically every convenience. The peon's washing is done in a pond or a brook. Cooking is done over an open fire in a corner of the hut and, in the absence of proper ventilation, the room is soon filled with fumes and cooking odors.

Some surprising contrasts are presented also in retail prices. Luxuries like flowers, liquor, silver and jewelry are relatively inexpensive. On the other hand, living in hotels and eating in restaurants cost enormously.

Amusements are either free or within the reach of even the poor. Dancing (mostly in the village square), band concerts, bull fights, rodeos, and the movies are most popular. American movies are making English second only to Spanish as the language of the people. While the movie is being shown, a Spanish commentary or explanation is either flashed on the screen or is heard on the sound track. Movie goers seem to catch on quickly and do not hesitate to try their newly acquired English on their neighbors. Fluency in English has a practical value to the fellow seeking employment since Mexican employers are more ready to hire an applicant with a knowledge of English than an applicant who speaks only Spanish.

Applicants for employment at La Concordia are carefully selected and only the very best are accepted. Since most of the newly hired employees have had no previous textile experience, there is a planned training program by which the new employee learns to perform his duties according to the most efficient methods prescribed by the Management. Employees at Queretaro work an eight-hour day which begins at 6.00 a.m. and ends at 3.00 p.m. There is a "breakfast" hour between 9.00 a.m. and 10.00 a.m. This schedule permits a long afternoon and a leisurely evening with dinner at 8.00 p.m. according to Mexican custom.



Senor Aleman, President of Mexico, throwing switch to start machinery

We were enchanted with Mr. Williams' stories about our Latin neighbors but above all we were glad to know that we are contributing so largely to the growth of Mexico's new industries and to their promise of prosperity and happiness for more of the people of Mexico

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Musical Notes

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list the name of the person to be called together with the name and phone number of the person making the request. The procedure requires the call to be broadcast at three-minute intervals until answered, but not after one-half hour from the first broadcast.

Requests are made from time to time to announce over the public address system the tragedy of something lost or the joy of something found. Everything from a house key to a silver larynx tube have been announced over the system as lost or found.

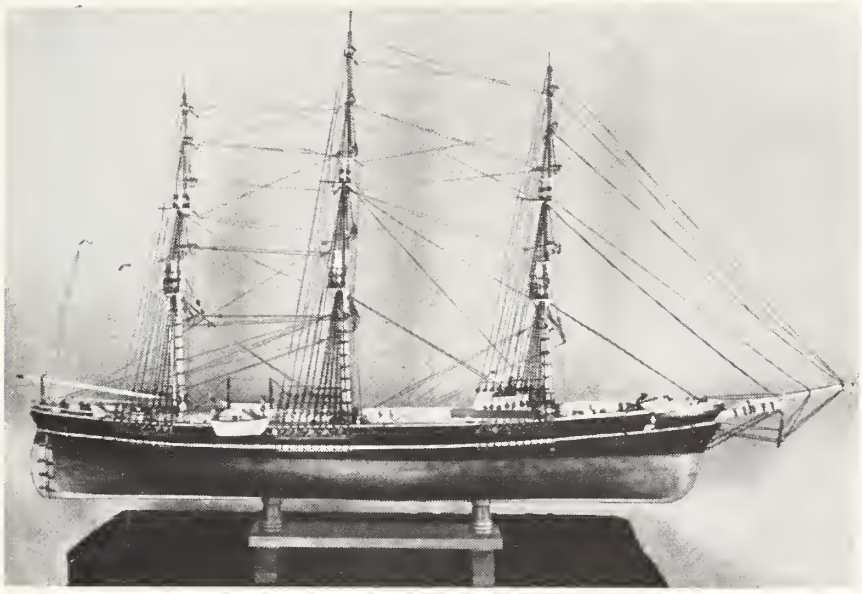
The Cafeteria menu is announced daily. In the summer time, when all the windows of the plant are open the broadcasts can be heard at a distance from the shop, and we were not surprised to learn that a woman, Mrs. Harold Libby, in the New Village habitually listened to the menu announcements for ideas on how to plan her meals.

Another important function of the public address system is to give immediate notice, in case of fire, to all fire companies, and to inform them where to report.

Eva O'Keefe, chief operator of the inside telephone system and the public address system, came to Whitin in 1936 from the New England Telephone Company where she worked as an operator for 13 years. When Eva first took over the switchboard approximately 2200 phone calls went over the wires each day. Now more than 5000 phone calls are made each day from one shop telephone to another. There are about 650 telephones in almost constant use. Also 400 paging requests are received daily. These calls are handled by five operators working two-hour intervals followed by a rest period.

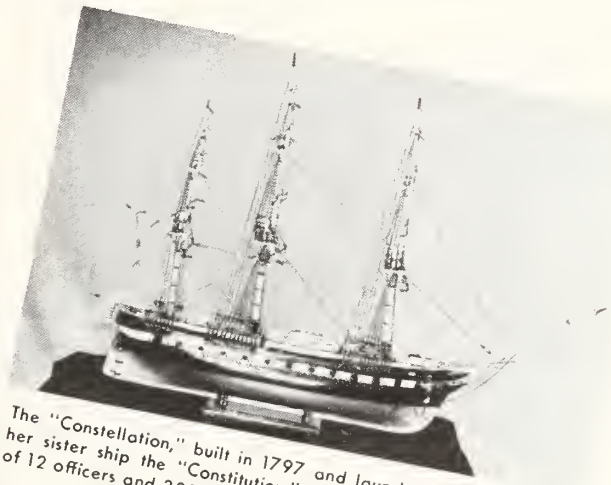
In addition to the switchboard for inside calls, there is a switchboard, located in the main office, for handling all calls outside of the plant. This board has been operated by Dorothy Shaughnessy for the past 20 years. Dot is a source of constant wonder to all who witness her quick and efficient service each day. She has at her command hundreds of telephone numbers which she has committed to memory. If you wish to communicate with someone, Dot will reach him for you on only one condition—that he still lives on the planet called "Earth." During the course of an average day Dot handles approximately 1000 calls. She also acts as a receptionist and receives daily between forty and seventy visitors, salesmen, job applicants, and representatives of the numerous companies who transact business with the Whitin Machine Works. Her pleasant and courteous manner, as well as her memory for names, have made her a worthy representative of the Whitin Machine Works.

Hobbies — MODEL SHIPBUILDING



"Sovereign of the Seas," one of the most beautiful clipper ships built by Donald McKay, of East Boston. It was launched in 1852 and carried a crew of 105 men and boys. On March, 1853, the "Sovereign," approaching Cape Horn, logged 421 nautical miles in 24 hours. The first ship under sail to fulfil the Yankee dream of 400 miles in 24 hours. On August 6, 1859, bound for China from Hamburg, Germany, she ran ashore in the Straits of Malacca and was destroyed on the reefs

The "Alabama," a confederate commerce raider. Between 1862 and 1864 she captured nearly seventy federal vessels. She had six guns broadside, 30 two-pounders, one 7-inch Blakely gun, and one 8-inch pivot gun



The "Constellation," built in 1797 and launched 45 days before her sister ship the "Constitution." She was manned by a crew of 12 officers and 300 men and armed with 38 guns. The cost of building this ship was $314,212

So famous and admired were the clipper ships that the period between 1800 and 1850, when these fast sailing vessels roamed the seas, has gone down in history as the Clipper Ship Era.

Burton Robie, foreman of the Electrical Department, has for the past eight or nine years, tried to recapture the romance of this sailing period with his models of beautiful clipper ships. These models, built to scale, are exact replicas of the original sailing ships of this period.

Burt has quite a woodworking

shop in the basement of his home for turning out his masterpieces. His shop contains a lathe, jig saw, buzz planer, and all sorts of hand tools.

In building these boats, the first step is making the hull or body. For this purpose, strips of wood already cut to the general form of the boat, are cemented together to make a solid piece of wood. It is then roughed out and contoured with an electric saw, and finished by hand with a knife, chisel, and sandpaper.

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Hobbies—Model Shipbuilding

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Dowel stock or cylindrical pieces of wood are used in making the mast and spars. The standing rigging or braces that support the mast are made of copper wire. The running rigging or movable rigging (ropes that control the sails, etc.) are made of fishline or thread. All the blocks, guns, and lifeboats on the models are made by hand. In his spare time, during the winter months, Burt accomplishes the completion of one model.

In addition to the boats shown, Burt has made models of famous ships such as: the "Niagara," commanded by Admiral Perry on Lake Erie during the French and Indian Wars; the "Boxer," one of the last wooden training ships used by our Navy in 1903; and the wooden Coast Guard cutter "Joe Lane" built around 1936.

At the present time, Burt is working on a model of the "California," a British ship used for carrying wheat from Australia to England between 1850 and 1860.

If you would like to embark on this interesting hobby, don't think you have to be an old salt to make a good looking ship model. Many people who admire boats seem to think that model boat building is too intricate for the beginner. There are good books available about this hobby and it can be enjoyed by any interested and intelligent person who is willing to devote a little effort, time, and patience to it. The only working space required is a table. Most of the tools needed are actually available in the average household.

If you start to build model ships and keep at it with Burt's interest and skill, you will be rewarded not only by the pleasure of an enjoyable hobby but you may receive the honor, which was given Burt Robie, of having your models exhibited in the Worcester Art Museum.

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ROVING SMALL PARTS

by

Betty McCudden

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Basko have been busy buying furniture for their new home at 43 Fletcher Street. Mrs. Basko, the former Mary Valladoa, of New Bedford, is a well-known pianist who played in recitals, in musical festivals, and on the radio. She is now in Philip B. Walker's office and is the cashier in the cafeteria at noon.

A big diamond hunt, led by Willemina Bosma, was conducted the other noon in Crib No. 11. The diamond ring was finally found in "Willie's" glove, and was she a happy girl! "Willie" is soon to become the bride of James Kramer, of Uxbridge.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Lockwood, of Millville, on the arrival of a 7 lb.-13 oz. baby daughter. She was born February 17 and will be named Patricia.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Belanger have been vacationing for the past month in Florida.

We are happy to have back with us again Brenda Cook who has been ill for two weeks.

Last week Fred Tucker, group leader on the saddles, received a call from the freight house. Snatching a pencil and paper he rushed off by way of the Production Department. However, in his haste to get there, Fred missed the door to the stairway and found himself in the ladies' room. It is a question as to who was most embarrassed.

Malcolm Sweenie, the ace hunter, skeet shooter, and gunsmith of the job, and his friend, "Kiko" Depardy, were shooting crows a few days ago. We have not been told how many crows were killed but we have learned that our ace hunter during the shooting managed to fire a shot through his index finger. Of course, it can't be true.

John O'Brien, a skilled machinist of twenty-five years' experience, ran into a little trouble the other night. Jack had locked his car and for some reason couldn't get it open. After several minutes, Jack told his wife to take the bus and he would see what he could do with the door. Finally, one of Jack's neighbors sent her husband out to tell Jack to turn the key in the other direction. Jack did and was soon on the way downtown trying to catch the Mrs. and to cool off his red face.

GEAR JOB

by Jennie Ozog

Bernice Kroll is back cutting gears again after being out sick for the past month. We are all happy to have her with us again.

Perley Chesley is resting comfortably at home after returning from Memorial Hospital where he underwent a hernia operation. We are looking forward to his return to the job.

Harry Thompson has been missed on the Gear Job. Harry has been out for about six weeks following a slight accident which occurred while he was operating a spinning machine.

Cecelia Ebbeling concluded her stay with the Inspection Department and is resuming her real duties as a housewife again.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kozek on their new arrival, a daughter, Barbara Ann, born February 9.

Best wishes for a very fast recovery to Louise O'Connell who is in St. Vincent's Hospital, convalescing from pneumonia. It's too bad that Louise had to miss her annual trip to Florida and all that healthful sunshine.

FREIGHT HOUSE

by

J. Harold Baszner

On Monday morning, January 26, the Freight Office was dazzled with multi-colored rays of light. The source was discovered to be a diamond worn on the third finger of Doris McCray's left hand. It seems as though she too has consented to go "double harness" in the near future. The lucky man is none other than Armand Miedema. We extend them our best wishes.

We are sorry to report the injury of one of our men, Edgar McCarthy. While he was moving a lathe to the flyer job, the lathe tipped and caused a gash in his leg and scraped his arms. We sincerely hope he'll be back with us soon in good health. Get well, Ed! We're rooting for you.

After being with us for four years, Mrs. Charles Palucha has resigned from her duties in the Freight Office to take over her domestic duties at home.

For a few months now Ed Gorman has been breaking in Ed "The Kunnel" Sheehan on new machinery order booking. "Kunnel" Sheehan says, "Ah been wunderin' wha' yo' no'th'n hospitality you all heah about, has gone. Ah won't be able to stand many moah lashes from that there whip yo' no'th'n gentleman, Mr. Gorman, is a usin'!" Ed, is that any way to treat a Southern gentleman? Remember his plantation in Richmond where he serves those nice, cool, mint juleps.

COTTON MILL

by Wm. Smith

Best of luck to Gennaro D'Alfonso on his night course enrollment at the New England Technical School. He is studying refrigeration servicing.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Rene Hebert on the birth of a son at St. Vincent's Hospital.

Mickey Deane is serving a "term" on the Federal Jury in Boston. Mickey is all filled up with civic pride.

One of the most conscientious workers of the Whitin Machine Works is Al Mitchell, of Pascoag, R. I. Al comes to work two days ahead of time if the weatherman predicts snow.

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by Harold Case

This is the tag end of the basketball season and if any of you readers took my advice and came to the games the past month you most certainly are interested in the playoffs which will start the week of March 21. Guessing a month ahead of time it looks like Bonnie Brook and N. V. Cafe will pair off and Belval's will oppose the Plummer A. A. The winners will meet, probably, on Saturday, March 27. No doubt you have already picked the winning team and will be on hand rooting them through the finals. However, I wouldn't count too heavily on your decision because when the chips are down some teams rise to spectacular heights and others sink to abysmal depths. Be that as it may, as Harry Balogh, the Madison Square Garden modern Demosthenes, is want to say, "May the better adversary emerge triumphant!"

On Wednesday night, April 7, the league will officially end with a banquet in the Shop cafeteria. Besides "eats" a number of excellent after-dinner speakers will be on hand to make the evening a success. Coach John Bunn from Springfield College will make a return appearance. He is one of the best speakers I have ever heard and if you missed him last year you should make every effort to hear him this time. Ex-coach Edward Hickox, also from Springfield College, will probably say a few words. He is retired now but still assists in an advisory capacity and he is also one of the three-member board of basketball officials who decide the New England collegiate representative at the National Tourney held in New York. "Doggie" Julian will be present to tell about his more trying moments during the past season and also to make a first-hand report on how his Crusaders retained their 1947 National crown. Or am I going out on a limb on that one? No banquet of this type is complete without Al Banx and his side-kick, Frank Crotty, state editor of the *Worcester Telegram* and *Gazette*. Basketball movies of some of the Holy Cross games and possibly some of the Springfield games will wind up what will surely be an enjoyable night.

Last month we dropped in briefly on bowling activities. This month let's take a look at volleyball. A minor sport locally, to be sure, but nevertheless a very active game and one that is enjoyed by a group of fellows every Wednesday night. A great many people think of it as a sissy game but played the right way it is far from that. Broken fingers are common and broken noses too for that matter. Too few individuals know the fundamentals of the game which makes the sport seem "slow." In a nutshell, a light ball is kept in the air and cannot be hit more than three times on one play by a team. That's where a lot of trouble lies—most players attempt to slam the ball back over the eight foot net by themselves, whereas an effort should be made to pass the ball to another player so that the latter can "set" it up for a "spike" or "kill" by a third player. Spiking a ball means driving the ball with the fist down into the opponents' territory. A hard spiker can make everyone duck. Eddie Baldwin from the Milling Job is a very good hand at setting up a play and so was Jimmy Davidson up in Methods. I say "was" because Jim fell by the wayside last year. He injured a finger playing softball I think. Or was it in an egg beater?—I've forgotten. Francis "Zebe" Smith keeps his arm in shape running the shovel in the Yard and is one of the regulars every week. There have been some lively sessions all winter from which I hope a red-hot league will develop next winter.

Another couple of weeks will find all sports' talk revolving around baseball and softball. If you are planning on playing softball or entering a team in a league, you had better get going because the bandwagon was a little bit crowded last year. A word to the wise you know.

Bowling League Standing

Team	*Won*	*Lost*	*Pinfall*
Planers	21	15	34,307
Garage	21	15	33,750
Office	19	17	33,909
Tool Job	19	17	33,873
Screw Job	14	22	32,811
Card Job	14	22	32,288

Individual high single, F. Visbeck, 141; individual high three, Fred Siepietowski, 363; team high single, Planers, 567; team high three, Planers, 1569; high average, W. Spratt, 1019; second high average, Fred Siepietowski, 1016.

Winner of first half—Tool Job.

Part of the Wednesday evening volleyball group, left to right: Paul Arakelian, Don Lange, Edward Baldwin, Ernest Weinart, Casey, Francis Smith, Curt Lange, Joe Zanchetti

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BOLT & PLANER DEPTS.

by

Ray Woodcome

The Planer Job bowling team is still holding its own, but is under pressure all the time. At present the Planer team is tied for first place with the Garage team.

We have enjoyed the company of Franny Lash down here, but expect to lose him anytime now. Franny is waiting for a call from one of the minor league baseball teams. Last year, he pitched for the Vanderdrift, Pa. Team, and had a record of 14 wins and 6 losses. His contract has been purchased by the Portland, Maine Team of the New England League.

Best wishes to Regina Martin of the Bolt Job who celebrated her birthday February 16. A party was held during the noon hour.

The boys on the Planer Job were a little put out to think that there was nothing in the first issue of the SPINDLE about their department. So we will give out with a few scoops.

Anyone who travels from this vicinity to the Rangeley Lakes in Maine might be interested in a few short cuts. We advise him to see Bob Landry. Bob claims he can make the trip in four and one-half hours. It's "only" about 400 miles, says he.

The Planer Job Social Club attended the Sportsman's Show in Boston. Arrangements for the trip were in charge of Bill Baszner. The Club also held a meeting for the election of officers and gave a supper on March 2 in the Sutton Town Hall. The turkey supper was put on by members of the Sutton Grange. Earl Briggs was in charge.

Joe Desrosies of the night shift (Planer Job) has purchased an 8 mm. movie projector and since that time has spoken of nothing else but movies. We wouldn't be at all surprised if he ended up with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

FOUNDRY

by Varkis Arakelian

Congratulations to Albert Tebeau and Mrs. Tebeau on the arrival of a baby boy at the Whitinsville Hospital. Albert said he'd make the deadline for the next issue of the SPINDLE—well, the Stork certainly cooperated.

Garret Swart is taking a three months' leave of absence to visit Berdaard, Holland. He leaves April 6 on the liner "New Amsterdam." He plans to visit his father-in-law whom he hasn't seen for twenty years.

Michael Tessicini, well known to the Foundry as "Big Mike," is in a Boston hospital. Although Mike's illness is not too serious, he has asked for a leave of absence till May 1.

Homer and William Guertin have real cause for celebrating. First of all, William's wife presented him with twin boys. As for Homer Guertin, he recently married Claire Girard at the Holy Family Church in Woonsocket. Congratulations and best wishes to both brothers.

Leo Sughrue is back with us again after leaving the Foundry for a short time. Leo says there is something about the Foundry that just draws a person back.

Stuart White was married to Renee Profitt, February 14, at the Presbyterian Church. The couple is now honeymooning at sunny Florida.

Edward Renky, one of the steelworkers who fell thirty-five feet while working on the new construction in the Foundry, is rapidly recovering and has been released from the hospital.

A tip to all motorists! Don't try driving a car with only three wheels. I tried without success. It seems that after changing a tire, I forgot to tighten the bolts on the wheel. Half way down Church Street, I heard a thud and stopped to investigate. I was minus my front tire. So, if you should see a prowler on your front lawn some night, don't shoot. It will probably be me looking for the lost wheel.

Henry Forget, after working hours, devotes his time to the office of selectman in the town of Bellingham. Henry has been in office for one year.

AROUND THE PLANT

by

Sally Jones

The Fish and Game Club at its last meeting elected Francis Joslin, Jr., president, and Paul Mintoft, vice-president. The Fish and Game Committee elected their new slate for 1948 as follows:

William Todd, General Chairman; Malcolm Sweenie, Fish; George Jones, Birds; James Gellatly, Rabbits and Hares; W. Jones, Robert Britton, and Horace Bassett, Liberation.

The Club has purchased 1000 rainbow trout 8" to 10", 800 rainbow trout 10" to 16", and 500 brown trout 10" to 12" at a cost of $1,200. These will be put into the Club pond as soon as they can be taken from the fish farms.

The Club, also, has tried to buy hares and rabbits but cannot locate any at present. Mr. Glenn, our local game warden, is on the lookout for hares for us.

We want the Club members to know that the Clubhouse is available to Club members and their families. There is also an outdoor fireplace and it makes a fine spot for a weenie roast.

OFFICE NEWS

by

Florence Pieleski

Production on the Move: Tad Wallace and Maurice Murray report that the theme song of the Production Department is, "The eyes of Texas are upon you."

Quite a few of the gang went into "Beantown" to see the Holy Cross-Temple basketball game at the Gardens. Transportation must have been at a premium for we know of four fellows who rode in Bill Taylor's refrigerated Ford. They stopped for a cup of "Java" about half way home, but Mal Bowes didn't move when the rest of the men hopped out. Charlie Ash noticed Mal and asked him if he was going to join the others for coffee. Mal replied, "I'm afraid if I get up I'll be walking on my knees!" The thermostat registered 15 below that starry nite, and Mal froze where he sat.

Ernie Roberts took a riding about his tickets because he didn't get them until game time and everyone expected his seat to be out in Kenmore Square. Well Ernie had the last laugh for, when we spotted him, he was on the Holy Cross bench talking with "Doggie" Julian (probably giving "Doggie" a few pointers).

"Ticky" Romasco, our chief expediter, sounding off at 1.05, "O.K., Hanny, what the——are you waiting for?—Get going!"

Hanny: "I'm waiting for the buzzer."

"Ticky": "The buzzer! It sounded five minutes ago."

Hanny: "Oh, I mean the four o'clock buzzer, bud."

Did you notice that the majority of our Tub Desk clerks are slender!

It isn't hard to tell when "Gummy" is having a telephone conversation with someone in the front office—it sounds as though the loud speaker system were on full blast.

"Ticky" Romasco is looking for the mate to that roller skate one of the boys left on his desk. "Tick" tried the skate on for size and it fits!

Jim Clarke is back with us after a lengthy illness. Glad to see you back, Jim.

"Doc" Couillard apparently knows something, at any rate, that "Gummy" doesn't know. "Doc" recently made a trip to the

Stock Room in search of some aluminum weights? "Gummy" says they never made any here—in fact "There ain't no such thing." They must be made where they make Doc's "plastered" cores!

Another fair damsel is altar bound—Pauline Valliere, of East Douglas, has a diamond from Leonard Baldwin, Jr., of Whitinsville. Len is a student at Becker's in Worcester. Wedding bells will ring sometime in September.

We understand that Douglas Road was the site of an unusual scene recently. Les Dermondy, assistant production manager, was stretched prone trying to get a chain removed from the wheel of his car. Les, the undertaker, usually observes others stretched out, doesn't he?

Anita LeClaire, of Payroll Computation, who recently underwent an appendectomy has returned to work.

Betty Biano of the same department is singing "I'll Dance at My Wedding." Betty received a diamond and a watch from Stanley Rymeski, of Whitinsville. Plans are being made for a wedding in September.

Norma Kane and Lee Hobart reporting for the Master List Department extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of James Henderson in the recent death of his son.

The welcome mat has been rolled out for three new members, Ann Briand, James Graham and Thomas O'Neil. We hope the newcomers will be happy in their new work.

The February thaw was a welcome sight to Bob Brown. He finally got his car started—that's all, brother, just started.

Roy Burroughs spends much time setting traps for mice—and he catches them. Anyone interested in big game hunting may contact Roy.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Osterman. Harry is employed in Steel Fabrication and Mrs. Osterman, the former Priscilla Karn, works in the Methods Department

Frank Martin, of Time Study, is not only reporting news but is also trying to find a chair without two people already in it.

Martin Trench is praying very hard for the winter to pass on—it's a long hard trip to Marblehead every week-end to see how the better half is getting along. Al Sheldon, we hear, is in the same boat as Martin and the boys are looking eagerly for the first signs of spring.

The $64 question we're interested in is "When will the officer on traffic duty at Memorial Square forget about the few cars on Hill Street, and give the boys coming in from Linwood Avenue a break?"

Helen Cotter, of the Cost Department, picked up the following: Bob English and Oscar Erickson are a couple of rare birds. Why? Because they have R.H. negative blood. The boys really enjoy giving blood. Why, if it came to it, they'd be blood donors every day. So would every other guy—with or without blood. Oh, that beautiful technician!

Our silver-throated Andy Devine did a "Perry Como" at the Methodist Minstrel Show. We are proud of "Our Voice Hanny." We knew he had a voice but we never thought he used it for singing.

The politician of the Cost Department won a victory in Grafton this month. He now is the Chairman of the Planning Board and things are going to run smoothly from here out. Good going, Felix Richards!

While Gloria Ashworth was listening to the recording "I'll Dance at Your Wedding," she turned to an eligible bachelor and said, "I'll do cart wheels at yours."

The Sales Department welcomes Tillie Marker back. Til dropped a stitch in her back and spent several weeks reclining on boards from her dining-room table. Now, both the stitch and boards are back where they belong.

Janet Pieleski, Mary Britton, and Herbert Lightbown reporting for the Repair Department, inform us that Charlie Pearson is back at his desk full of vim and vigor (?). Now we know where ole Sol has been hiding the past few months. Judging from appearances, Charlie found it in Florida.

Valentines must have been selling at a dime a dozen the way they were floating around the Repair Department. However, the box of chocolates furnished by Albin Nelson was much appreciated by all. Thanks again.

We note a look of loneliness about Robert McKaig these days. The reason—he is keeping bachelor quarters. Mrs. McKaig is spending a few weeks in Florida.

The new look has appeared in the Repair Department in the form—or should we say, on the form—of our Gracie Manning. The men folk thought they were having blizzards down South.

Dorothy Tattersall has tendered her resignation to take effect March 12. Dot and Freddy will take up their abode in the Plummers Apartments about the middle of March. Best of luck, Dot.

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A Quarter of a Century Ago

Whitin gymnasium swimming pool is used for the first time—M. J. Brines takes initial plunge.

The Employment Department bowling championship was decided recently when James Ferry, Henry Crawford, and Martin Carpenter met on the Pythian Alleys in a ten-string match and settled for the year the much disputed argument as to who is the best bowler of the office. The actual results were Ferry, 894, Crawford, 894, Carpenter, 893. The championship was awarded to Mr. Ferry as he was allowed two pins each string. This handicap was not asked for, but was the result of considerable conversation which preceded the match.

The Safety Committee of the Whitin Machine Works marks its fifth anniversary.

Northbridge was well represented in the Textile Show by the Paul Whitin Mfg. Co., Whitin Bros., Inc., the Whitinsville Cotton Mills, Whitinsville Spinning Ring Co., and the Whitin Machine Works. The Whitin Machine Works featured a Whitin ring spinning frame. Pressed-steel bolsters were also exhibited in which spindles were run at a speed of 30,000 revolutions per minute. This was accomplished without the throwing of any oil and without leakage of any kind.

The Whitinsville Cotton Mills presented a complete model of their mills made by their employees.

A Gentleman from Texas at a Basketball Game in New England

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A new citizen—to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Marshall, a daughter, Linda Olive, born February 19 at Memorial Hospital. Congratulations, Glad and Tom!

We regret to report an accident to Chet Walker—a broken toe. We hope for a speedy recovery for you, Chet. Also we trust that Janet Pieleski will be able to rejoin us soon. Janet has been ill at her home for the past few weeks.

Rose and Pauline Kalonas, our winter sports enthusiasts, enjoyed the skiing in the hills of New Hampshire the week of February 23.

From Barbara Brown, of the Engineering Department, we hear that Bob Crossland, formerly a road man, has joined the pencil pushers in the Drafting Room. By the way, Bob, an expedition going north would like to know where you get those shirts.

We welcome to the Drafting Room from the Time Study Department, Edith Marin. We hope her stay with us will be a long and happy one.

We are sorry to report that the Drafting Room is going to lose Alvin Spencer for a couple of months. He has gone to the hospital for an operation. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

WINDER JOB

by

"Dorsey" Devlin

This will be the first news from the Winder Job, because your reporter was ill and was unable to meet the deadline for the February issue. I wish at this time to thank the Job for their many cards during my stay in the hospital.

When the original SPINDLE was being published, this department had yet to come into existence, as work was started here late in 1939. The Winder Job could easily be called the Gypsy Department, because it has been moved twice before being anchored on the top floor of the new building. There are only five men working here, who were in the Shop's employment when the original SPINDLE was being published, namely, Sam Clelland, Fred Deslauriers, Bill Brouwers, John Bogie, and Foreman Oliver Baker. This department pledges its whole-hearted support to the new SPINDLE and sees many successful years ahead for its new venture.

Your reporter will gladly accept from members of the department any items of interest to be printed in future issues.

Mrs. Celia Baker, who had the thumb of her right hand amputated in an unfortunate accident while operating a drill on January 19, is convalescing at her home, after four weeks' stay at Memorial Hospital in Worcester.

Two of the Job inspectors were involved recently, in what your reporter regards as a rather humorous incident. Lillian Pelland, the first piece inspector left a note on a chart "Cam Off a Hair." The following morning, Lillian read Leslie Mantell's (night inspector) comment: "Since when do we measure by a hair?"

Celia Lemek celebrated another birthday February 16. We are wondering about that box of candy Joe Carfagno gave the fair lady.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sova (Eleanor Devlin) on the arrival of a daughter, Barbara Jane.

Louis "Sooey" DeGaetano, who played quite a bit of minor league ball and who, in the past few seasons starred as an outfielder for Milford in the Valley League, is hanging up his spikes as an active player. He plans, believe it or not, to sign up with a softball team.

Mabel Hayward of the Needle Job has received that all-important sparkler from Alva Lemoine. Miss Hayward is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hayward of Prospect Street, Whitinsville. A September wedding is planned.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Collins who will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary on the 27th of March. They were married in Scotland in 1921. Mrs. Collins works at Purchase Inspection, while Jack works with the Packers.

BOLSTER JOB

by Bizar Hagopian

We are sorry to report that Pete Schotanus, a rigger on the automatics, is back in the hospital again Pete, who was operated on a month ago at the Worcester City Hospital for an injured nerve in his shoulder, collapsed and had to return to the hospital. We all wish him a speedy recovery and will be glad to see him back again.

Many happy returns go to Severin "Bobby" Houle, who celebrated his birthday on Thursday, March 4. Bobby, who is one of the most popular and favorite boyfriends of all the girls on the job, will be 60 years young on that day.

Poor Mike Swiszcz, has been hobbling around the job these past few weeks. Mike is suffering from fallen arches and, so he says, has one of the worst cases of flat feet his doctor has ever seen.

Neither Harold Flinton nor Walter Lemeshevsky lack dance partners. It seems that every time the public address system plays a particularly swingy tune, these two boys use their grinders as dance partners. Some of the advantages they find in using machines, are: no one gets out of step, or gets his toes stepped on, or, best of all, runs the risk of a refusal.

Congratulations to the Florian Bouchers on the birth of their first child, a son (Papa says that very proudly) on February 22, 1948, at the Whitinsville Hospital.

ROLL JOB

by

Harold O'Connell

Congratulations are being extended to Mario Romasco and wife upon the arrival of a son at the Whitinsville Hospital, Thursday, February 5.

Samuel Opperwall's wife is at home recuperating from an operation at Memorial Hospital. She is reported on the road to recovery.

Co-workers of Robert Cameron hope he will be back to work soon. Robert has been ill at his home for the past five months.

Titus Cooper is enjoying a three months' vacation. He will spend a few weeks visiting his son, Peter, in Wisconsin and his daughter, Anna, in California. He is expected to return to work soon.

Robert Dippold and wife attended the Ice Follies at the Boston Garden, Sunday, February 22. Robert said the Follies were the best ever.

Cecil Baker is collecting match covers for his son. He reports he has a large collection.

Joseph Konvent, S-1/c, who enlisted in the U. S. Navy, is stationed in Washington, D. C. He recently had a three-day leave with his father Basil Konvent. He has about one year and six months' service in his re-enlistment. Joseph served three years in the Sea Marine on the "New Jersey" Battleship in World War II.

Homer Lortie, who worked on the water polish machines prior to World War II, was a visitor in Rockdale, Sunday, February 22. Homer is now married and working at his old trade as barber in Aberdeen, Maryland. He wants to be remembered to all his friends.

Department 436 wishes to express its appreciation to James Deveney for his services as grievanceman, a position from which he has recently resigned.

Stuart Jacobs would like to know the identity of the culprit who sabotaged his Chevrolet recently. An auto joker bomb was connected to his spark plugs, and, as he stepped on his starter, the bomb exploded sending smoke and acid smells into the car, scaring Stuart pale-faced. The joke is, Stuart planned to do the same thing to a co-worker on the job, but Stuart was beaten to the punch.

Edward Driscoll, one of our fifty-year men, is an ardent sports follower. He is a familiar figure at all basketball games at the Gym. "Luke" Driscoll, who referees the Industrial League games, is Edward's son.

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What's Wrong in This Picture?

The Best Way to Work Is the Safe Way

The Safe Way to Work Is the Best Way

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RING JOB

by

Ted Bisson

One of our supervisors, Everett Gaspar, left us March 1 for jury duty in Worcester. Some people have all the luck—we don't get our vacation until summertime. Don't stay too long in Worcester, Everett—the sooner you get back the better Louis Roy will feel.

Norman Heroux, who replaced our first timekeeper, left us, but not for the Army. Norman is bettering his education at St. Mary's High. We all wish him the best of luck.

We are sorry to hear about Maurice Baillergeon's operation. We hope he has a speedy recovery from his appendectomy.

Best wishes to Christopher Dona on his marriage to Natalie Trocki, of Webster; and to Jim Glennon on his engagement to Rita McKeon.

SCREW & GRINDER JOBS

by Joe Martin

The boys say Gene Massey was rather worried a couple of weeks ago. He won a bet with Harry Remillard on the town elections and then he forgot what the bet was all about. It's a good thing, Gene, that Harry is honest or that would have been one time you lost even though you won.

The month of February brought birthday greetings to Norman Lightbown, and best wishes to June Lemoine on a wedding anniversary.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Paul Vallee, who passed away Wednesday morning, February 25, while on his way to work. Paul was liked by everyone and will be missed very much by his fellow workers.

SPINNING DEPARTMENT

by Francis J. Horan

Now that the first re-issue of the SPINDLE has hit the stands and the comments have been very favorable, it certainly behooves us to get going again for this, the March edition.

March, you know, is the month that comes in like a lion or a lamb and goes out supposedly just the opposite. This year March is also the month of Easter finery for the women and children, and of empty wallets, aspirin and a short beer for the men. I know that Harry Cornell will not mind my mentioning that March is also the month of St. Patrick. Our genial expediters, Wilfred LaVallee, Ronald Blakely, and Harley Keeler, even now feel the effects of March 17 as they gaze about their new office which is painted a pale green.

Work in Ernest Pickup's division has started to lean towards the heavy side. The boys have started on the Celanese order and, brother, when you start handling parts for this heavy duty machine you are really handling something. No doubt but that these machines will outlive us all.

Think I saw a sign of spring this week. The fitters working on the wool frame heads are circulating a little more. They are not keeping their backs to the steam pipes as much as before. William Godbout and Alex MacFarland claim that this is a good sign.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Tetreault are the proud parents of a baby girl. Owen, by the way, is now a special police officer and is being kept busy night and day patrolling both beats.

We also have a new candidate for fire chief on the job. Paul Gamelin can spot a spark a mile away according to the boys on the Spinning set-up floor.

"Red" DeJong's wife, Marjorie, claims that she is a strict vegetarian through no fault of her own. Every time she purchases a piece of good steak or a few chops and leaves them unguarded in the house, friend husband has them taken care of by the time she gets home.

Gerard Godbout is back to work after his appendectomy. Francis Macuga has returned after his operation at Cushing Hospital.

Jeff Milat has left the set-up floor to enter the bakery business in North Uxbridge. We wish Jeff every success in this new venture.

Clint White was welcomed back after his leave of absence. Clint is a direct opposite of Eddie Cantor in that he has five boys—the latest addition being twins.

SPINDLE JOB

by

Joe Hickey

The migration of the Spindle Job to its new location above the Wood Pattern Job has been practically completed. We are all one big happy family and are sure that our new environment will be very pleasant and beneficial to all of us.

It seems that in all the confusion of going from the floor of the Spindle Job to the new location above the Wood Pattern Job, Ken Macomber lost his sense of direction and ended up on the Ring Job all set to go to work grinding spindles.

We welcome back to the department Walter Dumas who has been in the U. S. Navy for two years. He served aboard the U.S.S. "Alabama" and the U.S.S. "Lexington."

Tom Jackman is beaming with joy ever since his new Chevrolet car came in. He intends to let all the boys on the job borrow it whenever they need the use of a car. That's how happy he is.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mathieu upon the birth of a baby girl (7 lbs. 8 oz.) at St. Vincent's Hospital on February 13.

Tom Fitzpatrick, one of our older men in years of service, has been confined to his home since the last week of December. We are glad to report that he is now on the mend and we are looking forward to seeing him back at his lathe in the very near future.

Olivine Petrin, Doris Flukes, and Dona Jacques, three members of this department who were on the sick list, have recovered and are back at their jobs. We are all glad to see them well again.

The Local 3654 held an election for vice-president and our own Ed Roukema won by a large majority. Good luck, Ed!

We extend our sincere condolences to the family of Stanley Cimokowski who died on February 20.

Elsie Magowan has entered Hahnemann Hospital, Worcester, for an operation. Best wishes for a speedy recovery, Elsie!

SPINNING SMALL PARTS

by Norman Deshaies

Much to the surprise of everyone in this department, the first edition of the SPINDLE came out with an announcement of Ray Stefancyk's engagement to a girl from the Roll Job. Ray always boasted that no woman would ever make him tie the knot.

Our congratulations to Evelyn Walling and Maurice Deshaies who exchanged vows in Slatersville on February 7.

One thing must be said about the people in this department—they are very thoughtful of others. Two weeks ago, Wayne Burroughs needed a haircut so the boys pitched in with their pennies and the result was he had enough for the haircut plus an eight-cent tip for the barber. However, when Wayne came in the following Monday his hair looked as if he had cut it himself or else had it done by a barber who took a correspondence course in hair cutting. The following week Lou Rutana was out all week, so the boys went to work again with their pennies and Carlyle Clark, our penny treasurer, presented Lou with eighty-eight cents. To show their appreciation, both of the boys sent in thank-you cards.

Rumor has it that Donald Simmons is seriously thinking of taking that long walk down the church aisle.

Mrs. Proulx has been absent from work for several weeks due to her husband's illness. We sincerely hope that he regains his health soon and that Mrs. Proulx will be with us again in the near future.

Also Dora Pouliot is being missed by the gang. She is confined to her home because of illness. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Our New Repair Shop in Charlotte, N. C.

In 1932, your Company decided to establish a branch factory in the South in order to provide its many Southern customers with quicker and better repair service. The Management wisely chose to locate this new enterprise in Charlotte, N. C., which is the center of a two-hundred-mile area where 10,000,000 spindles, or almost half of all the spindles in United States' textile mills are concentrated.

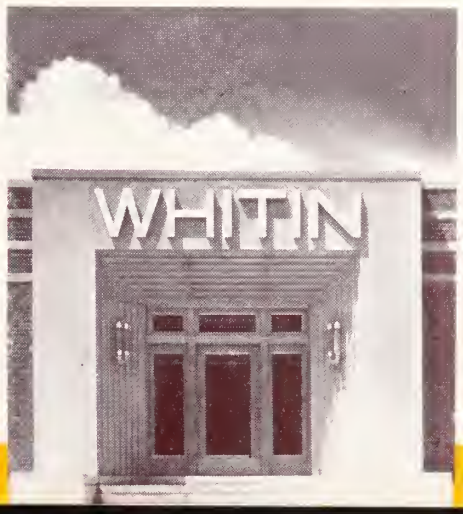
The pioneer shop began operations in August, 1932, with three men and eighteen machines. By April, 1933, the shop had grown to sixteen men and thirty machines. Five years after its beginning, the shop had a staff of fifty-four and counted fifty-eight machines in place. Today the Charlotte Shop, housed in a new structure of latest design, has 225 workers and 200 machines.

The new shop and office building is located about one mile west of the Charlotte station on the Southern Railroad line with which the shop is connected by a spur track. The spacious grounds contain parking areas conveniently located near the main entrance, and are landscaped to harmonize with the structure's low silhouette and modernistic main entrance. The fluted columns of the entrance are flanked on each side by an illuminated Whitin Spindle and Bolster symbol.

The office section, built of red brick with limestone trim, has two floors. The first floor accommodates the plant's supervision and the production control office. The administrative officers, mill service personnel, and the sales organization occupy the second floor. The offices are air conditioned and are equipped with fluorescent lighting.

The machine shop, stock rooms, and freight loading platform are contained in a one-level section of the structure. As in the office section, glass blocks are used wherever practical in the construction of this part of the plant to make maximum use of natural lighting. Fluorescent lights are installed also throughout the shop. Direct air ducts on the roof supply the shop with fresh air. A boiler room in the rear of the main section is the heart of a heating system. (Oh, yes, it gets cool, if not cold, even in the South.)

The machine layout is the result of careful study and assures the most effective flow of production. Fundamental principles of work simplification were applied in locating work stations, supply bins, jigs, and machine tools, and in arranging stock and material handling and other factors to provide a logical, convenient, and progressive flow of materials.



The Charlotte plant is equipped with only new or thoroughly modernized machinery. The accuracy of operations is further assured by the use of precision gauges during the various machining processes and in final inspection. The manufacturing control system expedites the work in process and the facilities of the modern loading platform speed shipments on their way by rail or truck.

The new plant, aside from housing the sales and service forces and serving as headquarters for all Whitin representatives in the Charlotte area, provides the Charlotte Repair Shop with about three times as much floor space as the old shop afforded. There is still ample room for the Experimental and Research Department soon to come into being. However, should further extension become necessary, the ground at the rear of the plant is already graded and ready for additional building operations.

The following is a list of the repair work and of the new work now being done or scheduled for production soon in our Charlotte Plant:

REPAIRS

Picker screens
Card screens
Comber half laps and top combs —re-needle
Roving, flyers and spindles of all types
Roving top and bottom cones (re-turn bottom cones to Martin Outline)

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Our New Repair Shop

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Spinning and twister spindles—re-clutch, re-core, re-whorl, re-point, re-top, straighten and polish
Steel rolls—re-neck all types of steel rolls with case hardened double screw neck which is interchangeable
Spinning and twister rings—re-polish
Cylinders—repair all types
Drawing, comber, sliver and ribbon lap machine rolls—re-neck and repair.
Card and Drawing Trumpets
Heat Treat, Weld, and General Machine Work

NEW WORK

Card cylinder and doffer shafts
Card screens
Roving spindles
Cylinders of all sizes and types
Cylinder arbors, studs, etc.
Steel rolls of all types
Lifter rods and bushings
Spinning spindles
Cast iron and hardened steel gears
Long draft changeovers

We are proud of our Charlotte branch and wish its personnel continued success in serving our customers in the South.

Bronze Star Awarded to Lieutenant Commander John H. Cunningham

Our plant superintendent, John H. Cunningham, who holds the rank of Lieutenant Commander in the Naval Reserve, recently received the Bronze Star Medal for his heroic services in World War II. The citation, which accompanies the medal, reads as follows:

"For heroic achievement as Sound Material Officer of the U.S.S. Growler during a highly successful and aggressive Submarine War Patrol in waters occupied by enemy combatant forces. By his cool and alert devotion to duty and his excellent judgment, Lieutenant Commander (then Lieutenant) Cunningham rendered invaluable service in the evasion tactics employed by the Growler when one of her sound mechanisms was put completely out of action and the other was damaged. His professional skill and zealous determination contributed greatly to the successful evasion of severe enemy attacks and the saving of his ship."

(signed) James Forrestal,
Secretary of the Navy

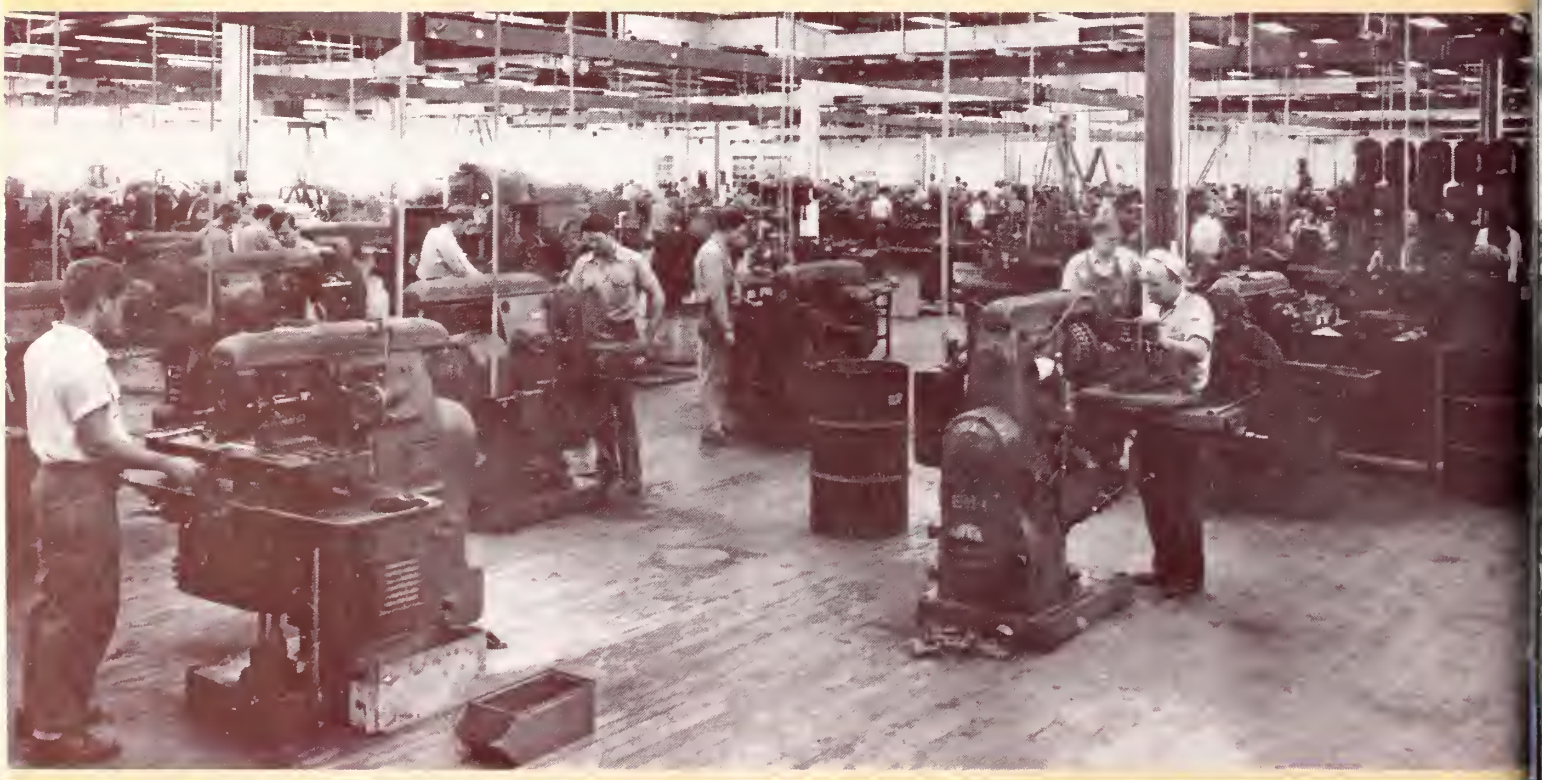
Clinch the Peace with Gardens

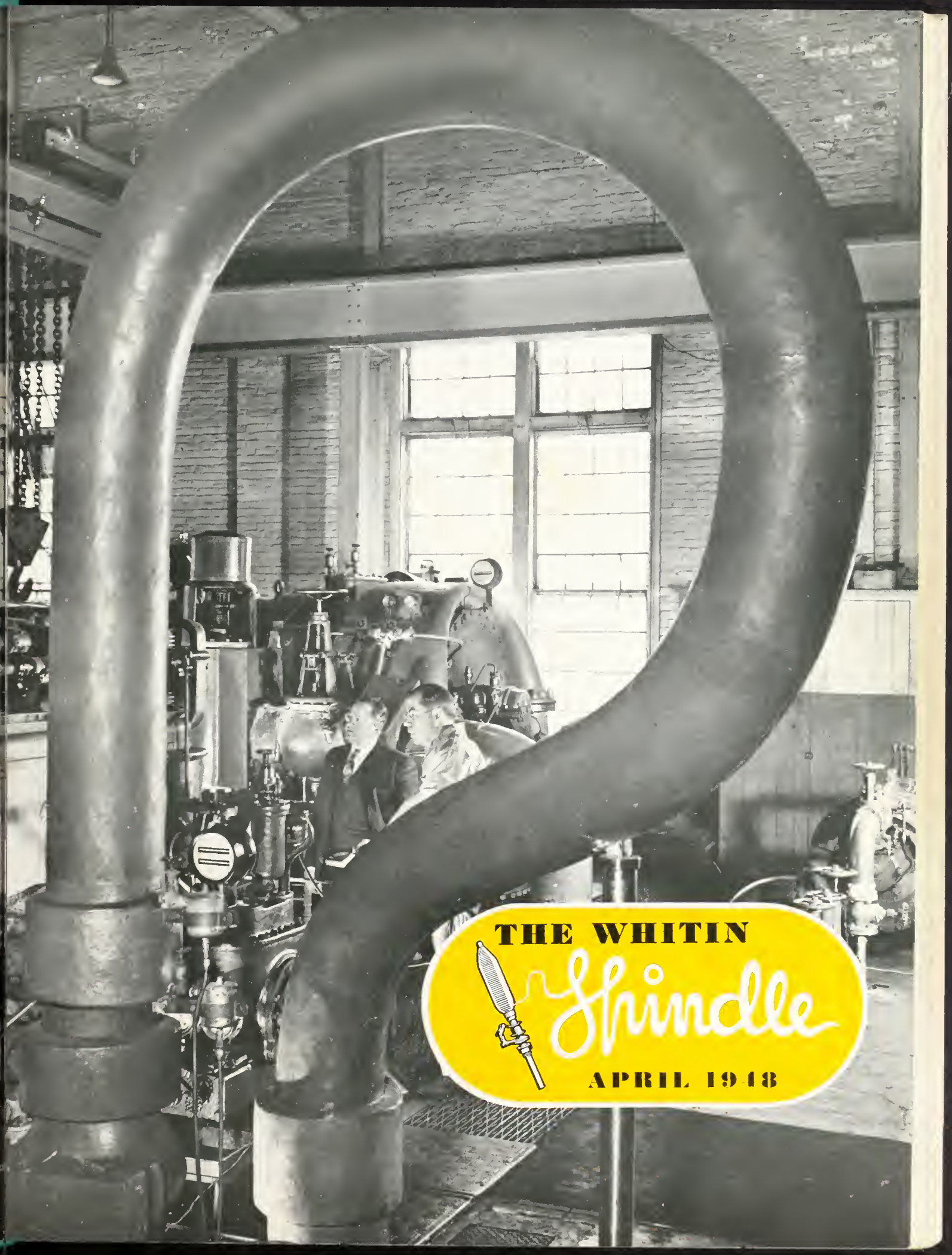
The Whitin Home Garden Club opened its twenty-ninth year of gardening this year by electing Angus Parker, president, Jacob Harringa, vice-president, Dana Heald, treasurer, Merrill True, secretary, and Philip B. Walker, purchasing agent.

Last year the Club had a total membership of 320. It is hoped that this year's enrollment will be even greater. Our government has appealed to all of us to have gardens again this year and to grow our own vegetables. The purpose of this is to release more food for the destitute people of Europe. We have done our part in winning the war—let our gardens now bring plenty to accompany peace and freedom.

The rules governing allotment of gardens are the same as in previous years. Anyone employed in the plant who wishes to have a garden may have one assigned upon request and upon payment of a small registration fee. Each person registering is requested to plant the entire area of his garden and to keep it clean.

General View of the Charlotte Machine Shop





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PERSONNEL OF THE FOUNDRY OFFICE
AROUND THE YEAR 1923

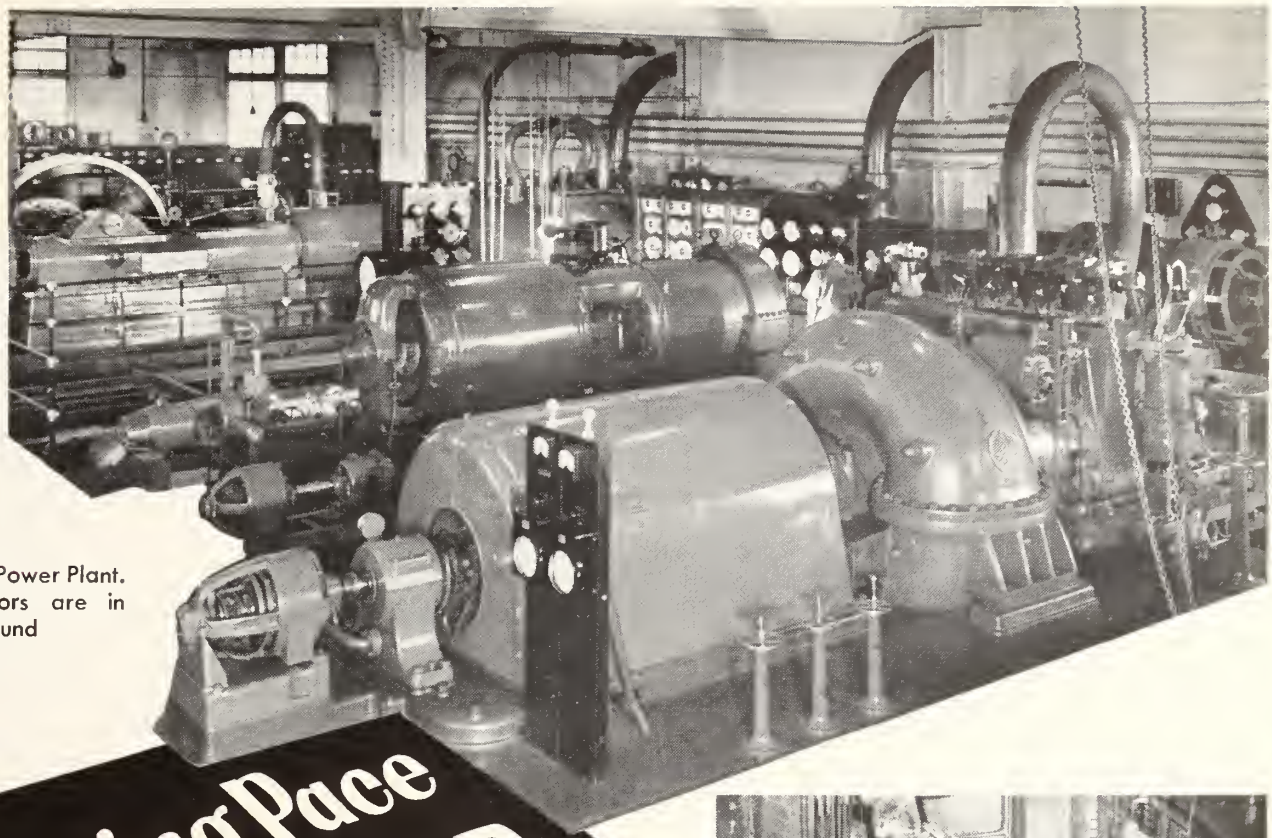
Front row, left to right: Robert McNeil, James Forsythe, D
Connors, John Freitas, Harry Mulligan, John Rice, L. R. Ve
Second row, left to right: Charles Stewart, Ira Anthony, Fr
Walker, Charles Moffett, William Donlon, John Campb
George Forsythe

SOCCER CHAMPIONS—TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
WORCESTER COUNTY INDUSTRIAL TRIANGLE LEAGUE
First row: Fred Cowburn, William Ratcliffe, Edward Nuttall, Frank Lightbown, Harry Jackson. Second row: James Ashworth, James Scott, Robert McFarland, Robert Holmes, William McCraken. Third row: John Davidson, David Blakely, William Wilson, James Mateer, Abraham Lightbown

TURNING BACK THE CLOCK

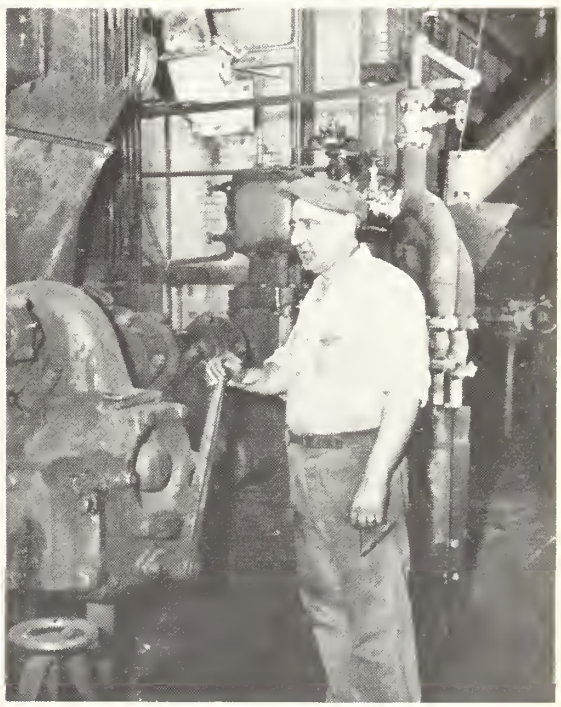
Hand pump used for fire fighting. Purchased from the city of Providence, R. I., 1850. Used by Whitin Machine Works until 1880. Destroyed, 1912

Until 1907 the U. S. Post Office was located in the Park at the foot of Forest Street where the Cafeteria now stands



Interior view of Power Plant. Turbo-Generators are in foreground

Keeping Pace with POWER



Hagar Malkasian pushing lever on stoker to increase flow of coal into one of the boilers. Part of a boiler seen in the background gives some idea of its huge size

When the founders of the Whitin Machine Works located their shop on the banks of the Mumford River in Whitinsville, industries depended largely on rivers and waterfalls as a source of energy for the operation of their machines. For years the natural energy of the swiftly flowing Mumford River was transformed by water wheels into mechanical energy and was distributed by means of shafts and belts to the new factory's machines. Before long, however, the river's energy was not sufficient for the growing factory, and steam engines were installed to supplement water power.

Our power plant had its beginning more than one hundred years ago when two small steam engines were installed in a "steam plant" located on the site of the present Nickel Plating Department. The engines were connected by belts to jack shafts which, in turn, were connected by belt and rope drives to the various machines operated. All the power transmitted by the water wheels and by the two steam engines would not be sufficient today to operate any one of our large departments. Yet, in those earlier days the power plant was considered quite adequate.

The Whitinsville Cotton Mill (now part of our factory and known as the "Stone Mill") had its own gas plant and supplied the Whitin factory with gas for lighting. To provide better lighting in the place of gas illumination, the factory installed a small electric generator. Some time elapsed, however, before electricity was used in the factory for power as well as for light.

The Power House moved to its present location in 1886. At that time, two additional small steam engines together with several small boilers were installed in the new Power Plant. In 1896 a 250-horsepower Corliss steam engine was added

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Keeping Pace with Power

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to the equipment. At first, this new engine, like the others, generated steam power which was distributed to machines mechanically, that is, by means of shafts and belts or ropes. Later, the Corliss engine was connected with an electric power generator and its electric current was distributed to a few motors which had just been installed to run some of the factory's machines. Thus, the course had been completed from natural water power, to steam energy mechanically transmitted, to electricity. The "motorizing program" which had such humble beginnings has been progressing ever since.

By 1909 additional boilers, engines, and electric generating equipment had been installed so that the power plant's capacity was increased to 2,500 horsepower, and everyone expected this augmented power plant to suffice for many a year. Yet, by 1920 the factory had outgrown the power plant's capacity and it again became necessary to plan for present pressing needs and for the foreseeable greater demands of the future.

Some consideration was given to a proposal to discontinue our Power Plant and to purchase all electric energy from the New England Power Company. This plan was abandoned in favor of completely revamping the Power House and arranging for only auxiliary power through a "tie in" with the New England Power Company lines. The Power Plant was, therefore, rebuilt to house a 2,000 kw. bleeder turbine and three boilers with automatic stokers to supply electricity, steam, and heat.

The Power Plant has continued to grow and now boasts, besides its major equipment, countless pieces of auxiliary equipment joined in an amazing network of piping, capable of producing 8,500 horsepower to supply the Works with power, heat, and light. In addition, the Power Plant's air compressors can deliver 5,780 cubic feet of air per minute at 100 pounds pressure for many purposes such as operating air chucks, hoists, grinders, sand blasting equipment, and equipment in our highly mechanized Foundry.

The boilers, capable of producing 150,000 pounds of steam per hour, consume great quantities of coal each week. In extremely cold weather, as many as 900 tons of coal are used weekly. The Power Plant's yearly consumption of coal is 31,000 tons. Most of the coal is delivered by truck from the docks at Providence. The balance of the coal is delivered to the Plant yard in railroad coal cars which are pulled from the Linwood siding to our yards by our own Diesel locomotive.

In the yards a grab-bucket hoist loads the coal in storage space, having a 25,000 ton capacity, or loads the coal into side-dump cars, each of which holds about 2,500 pounds. Trains of loaded dump cars are hauled by small electric locomotives to the Power Station. There the coal is discharged into a receiving hopper from which it is fed at a uniform rate into a coal crusher. From the crusher the coal is taken, by means of a continuous bucket elevator, to a sixteen-inch belt conveyor. A self-propelling tripper distributes the coal to the Boiler Room's steel bunker which holds 400 tons. Automatically the coal from the bunker is weighed and discharged through chutes into the stoker hoppers from whence it is fed into the boilers. Each boiler is equipped with an ash hopper which discharges ashes, through oil-operated grates, into side-dump cars. The cars are hauled away and the ash used for "fill" in the yards. The automatic manner in which the coal is processed, weighed, fed into the energy-converting fires, consumed and ejected as still useful ashes, is very interesting. You must see it to appreciate it fully.

Surely, you will think, the Power House has at last reached its full growth. Not so. Mr. Lawrence R. Ball, our Power Plant Engineer, has already got plans under way for additional equipment. These plans call for a new boiler (capable of generating 85,000 pounds of steam per hour at a pressure of 450 pounds per square inch at 750° Fahrenheit) and an additional turbo-generator having a capacity of 5,500 horsepower. The new boiler, under full load, will consume over 100 tons of coal a day and will supply enough steam to the turbines to generate all electric power required by the shop during the summer months. The new turbine will develop enough power to suffice for over one-half of our power requirements.

Without power, the shop would be a lifeless giant, inert. To keep vital energy pulsating through our great factory the Power House, like a huge heart, is ceaselessly active. Its continuous, incessant operations are made possible by a faithful complement of fourteen regular Power House men and several maintenance men under the leadership of Lawrence R. Ball. We salute them and wish them well in their important and interesting role in the Whitin enterprise.

Exterior view of Power Plant taken from the rear of the building. Coal cars drawn by electric motor are unloading coal into chute

KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

FOUNDRY

by

Varkis Arkelian

Mr. and Mrs. John Bosma celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary, Monday, March 22. For the occasion the couple received flowers from relatives in Holland. John and his wife were married in Holland and came to the United States after their wedding day. Congratulations and best wishes!

Congratulations also to David Longmuir whose wife presented him with a baby girl at the Whitinsville Hospital. Mother and baby are doing well. Dave too seems to have survived.

Henry Chenevert flew to New York to take in the Holy Cross–Kentucky basketball game at Madison Square Garden. Henry enjoyed the game very much and says Kentucky was a real good ball club, but he was sorry to see the Cross lose.

Serop Moscofian and John Euzibio were injured in an automobile accident. Serop injured his right knee and John received lacerations of the face. Both were taken to St. Vincent Hospital and were later discharged. We're glad to see Serop back on his job, and look forward to John's early return.

Anyone as soft-hearted as Raymond "Shorty" Auclaire (of the Foundry Carpenter Shop) should never try to butcher a pig—especially if he's named him, Marmaduke. "Shorty" tried to kill the pig by remote control. He finally had to call in a neighbor to be the executioner. While Marmaduke was being dispatched, "Shorty" stood behind a door and sobbed and sobbed. The moral of the story is: "Pigs is Pigs" and should never be called Marmaduke.

Edward Paterson has entered St. Vincent Hospital for examination. Ed is foreman of the night gang in the Foundry. Milton Dion will replace Ed till he returns to take over his regular duties.

Congratulations to Joseph Mercak of the Foundry Production Control Office. He is the father of a bouncing baby boy. (Editor-Who ever heard of bouncing a baby in an American Christian community!)

Good to see the following men back on their jobs after being on the sick list: Louis Dufresne, Al Cormier, and Horace Carlos.

Quintuplets born in Foundry, Monday, March 15. The Foundry cat gave birth to five little kittens. The boys recognize that Mrs. Cat has her paws full with her quintuplets and generously supply her with milk.

COMBER JOB

by

Hector Chase

We send our very best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cowburn of Linwood Avenue, Whitinsville, who celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary on February 28.

Arthur Haagsma, of the Comber Job, and family will go to New York to bid good-bye to the Rev. and Mrs. P. Dekker and their daughter, Theresa Mae. They are leaving for Northern Nigeria, Africa, to engage in mission work. Mrs. Dekker is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Haagsma of Spring Street, Whitinsville.

Mr. and Mrs. James B. Scott of Overlook Street, Whitinsville, were blessed on March 2 with a baby boy.

THE YARD & OUTSIDE CREWS

by Bill Scanlon

Those pep talks that Charlie Commons gives the boys seem to be bringing results.

Charles Tower, commonly known as "Smoothie" is taking up roller skating and hopes to make it his profession. Charlie is "fundamentally" sound.

Pete Prymac, ex-lightweight champ of Boston is going to have the knot tied in May. The benedicts in our gang say that a bride's pretty tears are more powerful than a boxer's bulging biceps, and they're betting that the champion in May will be Mrs. Peter Prymac.

"Spare-rib" McManus says, "If Chinkers doesn't stop singing 'Carry Me Back to Old Virginny,' the gang will be carrying him and it won't be to Virginia."

Imagine anyone hunting skunks! Anyhow, when next you indulge in the pastime, Alex St. Germain, please wear a disposable suit of armor.

One of our genial employees, who works in the Yard, was seen in Uxbridge recently sporting an illuminated bow tie. We are not sure, but incline to the opinion that he is trying to attract a mate just as a firefly signals for a spouse.

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BASEBALL

For the information of the fans in the town, the services of Robert "Ace" Williams have been secured to coach our team in the Blackstone Valley League for this season. He is a graduate of Amherst College where he was a star pitcher. Upon graduating, he was signed by the Boston Braves. As with many other athletes, his career was interrupted by World War II. While in the service he coached and pitched for one of the service teams. Following his discharge from the service he was traded to Portland Oregon in the deal for Torgeson. Because of business connections, he requested that he be sent to a team in this section and his contract was assigned to Portland of the New England League where he played last season.

For the 1948 season, an improvement, which will be of interest to the fans, will be made at Vail Field. A new grandstand is to be built with a seating capacity of approximately a thousand. Dressing rooms and shower baths will also be available for the home and visiting teams.

The Sunset League will function as usual, and two games will be played weekly according to the custom which has prevailed in past years.

FRONT COVER: This huge steam pipe is known as a steam expansion loop. The steam from the boiler room passes through this loop to the turbine. This loop will expand or contract to allow for temperature changes in either the main steam line or in the turbine. Through the loop on the left is Lawrence R. Ball, Chief Engineer, and Wallace Gattas, Assistant Chief Engineer, checking over the turbine.

by

Harold Case

Boy, did I ever get one hung on me yesterday! (And never mind saying, Hurray!—it didn't hurt physically.) That bane of any news reporter the deadline, "snuck" up on me this month of all times. The basketball season is, for all purposes, "washed-up" for the 1947–48 season and there is a lull for the next month before the ball season swings into high gear. Why can't our editor go out to a good movie and come back here again in four weeks. No? Well, let's see.

As most fans figured, Bonnie Brook and Belvals were the teams to finish up one-two in the Industrial Basketball League. Before the finalists were decided, however, the N. V. Cafe team was almost as good as in, but lost out in the final qualifying game to the "Brook." I'm not going out on a limb by picking the ultimate winner but will go so far as to say the team that spells its name with a "B" will win.

Remember the warning I issued last month regarding the softball bandwagon? I wasn't kidding one league, the Merchants' League, would be all set to go today if the grounds were dry. This league has six teams and will play Monday and Wednesday evenings.

I suppose there will be an Old Men's League again this year. At least, Jimmy Davidson is counting on it. He has been on the floor once this month to get in shape. By the way, Jim's finger was injured by playing softball and not by an egg beater.

Oscar Ericson was always a prime mover in organizing a team for this league. I'm not sure whether he will be interested this year or not, because the rules have been changed once again and the base paths have been lengthened from fifty-five feet to the original sixty feet. Oscar will probably be out there this year however, he actually gets around the bases without any trouble. I ought to know—he rammed into me on third one night and I thought the roof fell in. This "Old Men's" League will probably consist of six teams as it did last year. Who will make up the teams I don't know at this time but will have the line-ups in the next issue. If you are planning a team of fellows in their thirties or over, you ought really to start organizing right soon. (Don't take the title, "Old Men" too seriously, old man, huh?)

There is still another league, the Industrial League, which also will consist of at least six teams. The three leagues will account for a total of eighteen teams. The Merchants' League and the Industrial League will play two nights a week and, as there are only six diamonds and six nights in a week, you can readily see that there isn't any room for latecomers.

Spring always makes one think of shucking off the heavy clothes and getting into a swim suit. I can tell fairly well what month it is by checking who comes in for a swim. Some individuals show up regularly in June and, when September rolls around, go back as regularly into hibernation. I don't believe they ever gave a thought to the fact that in Whitinsville it is possible to swim the year 'round. If this description fits you, why don't you get in a little preseason training before going off to the beaches this summer?

This isn't advertising—I just want to tell you that you are missing a good thing. Something else which the Red Cross always stresses, bears on the matter. If you haven't been swimming fairly regularly during the winter months you will probably be yelling for help, should you, the first time "out" around Memorial Day, try to repeat the long swim out to the float (a cinch last Labor Day after swimming all summer). Over seven thousand persons drowned last year because of such thoughtlessness. Persons who are hearty eaters and tend to be on the hefty side should be careful of indulging too suddenly in strenuous swimming exercises. It's a good idea to come to the Gym and build up gradually for that long swim to the float.

Bowling League Standing

Team	*Won*	*Lost*	*Pinfall*
Planers	33	19	41,406
Garage	32	20	41,001
Tool Job	31	21	41,282
Office	22	30	41,050
Card Job	21	31	39,290
Screw Job	16	36	39,785

Individual high single, M. Morin, 149; individual high three, M. Morin, 365; team high single, Planers, 567; team high three, Garage, 1578; high averages, N. Spratt, 101.96; F. Siepietowski, 101.68; J. DeYoung, 101; M. Morin, 100.7; J. Connors, 100.

Swimming meet at gym on March 6th

Keeping Up with the News

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WINDER JOB

by "Dorsey" Devlin

Tom Driscoll, of the Main Office, proved to be very much "on the ball," as far as arithmetic is concerned. The previous edition of the SPINDLE had just been distributed when I received a call from Tom, asking me if I would accept some criticism of my column. When I replied in the affirmative, Tom said, "In the item about Mr. and Mrs. John Collins you mention their 30th wedding anniversary. Since you say they were married in 1921 and this is 1948, how do you arrive at a 30th anniversary?" My mistake, Tom, —the marriage occurred in 1918.

St. Patrick's Day found the Winder Job a'wearing of the green. Everyone bowed to "Old Erin" with some appropriate decoration in green, but "Maggie" McBratney outdid her companions with this charming chapeau

The night shift is still chuckling over a story about Irene Barnett. One night a few weeks ago, Irene went to her usual parking space after work, and her car was missing. She became very excited and went over to Stella Ingham's home to 'phone her folks, who assured her that they had not taken the car. Still in a dilemma, Irene returned to the parking lot where the mystery dissolved in the light of Irene's car parked in the wrong space.

With Spring in the air and the Major Leaguers limbering up in the South, the Winder Job wishes to serve notice that they intend to field a baseball club this season. In the strategy section we have as manager, "Rotund" Jimmie Sharkey (who has a figure like "BOSS" Joe McCarthy of the Red Sox), and as coach, our Foreman, Oliver "Del" Baker. "Boss" Jimmie tells me he will not divulge his line-up at present, but the team will be made up of members of the Winder Job only. His first challenge goes to our new neighbors, the Spindle Job, but we will accept challenges from all other departments and will play them in the order in which they throw down the gauntlet.

"Lem" Lemoine's shiner did not come from contact with an open door in the dark. "Lem" says the basketball teams in the Industrial League really elbow their way into the play-offs.

The night shift recently honored their Supervisor, Les Nutting, on the occasion of his birthday. During the lunch period, which was distinguished by a delicious birthday cake, Les Nutting received a gift of a raincoat from the night shift.

Birthday congratulations also, for the months of March and April, go to Catherine Tebeau, Vivian Dumais, Roland Farrar, Marion Isabelle, Rita Skinyon and Armand Lemoine.

We are sorry to hear that Bill Dumas of the night shift has had to take a leave of absence because of illness. To Bill and also to Mrs. Fred Deslauriers, who is ill at this writing, we wish a speedy recovery.

Paul Chosta and Leo Bachand concluded their services in the shop March 22 to join the Army. Both men who were World War II veterans (Paul an ex-Navy man and Leo an ex-Coastguardsman) have signed up with the 82nd Airborne Division. Our best wishes go with you, boys.

The Winder Job Benefit Club held a business meeting in the recreation hall of the Fire Station on Tuesday evening, March 30. Besides the regular business, the meeting conducted an election of officers. All incumbents were re-elected as follows: Leo Menard, as President; Jennie Spratt, as Secretary-Treasurer; and Mary Kane, Phyliss Sotek, Vivian Dumais and Charles Devlin as Directors.

We doff the cap to William Baker of the Inspection Job. On March 10 we celebrated Bill's 74th birthday. The girls on his Job gave him a little party and presented him with a box of cigars and a necktie. Bill who had retired, tried being a gentleman of leisure. He found the role not at all to his liking. He's back on the job and is a bright and sage counselor to his shopmates. Congratulations and every good wish to William Baker!

My thanks to Alice Ellsey for typing this column and also to Clarence Visser for contributing items from the Wood Pattern and Needle Jobs.

GEAR JOB

by Jennie Ozog

We wish happiness to Arolyn Boutilier who has become engaged to Robert Dion of the Wood Pattern Job.

Doris Roy and Mary Asadoorian attended the Ice Follies at the Providence Arena on March 4. The girls recommend the show as fine entertainment.

Although there are no music broadcasts on Saturday mornings, the workers on the Gear Job are serenaded at regular intervals by Jimmy Spratt who used to sing duets with Gravel Gertie. Won't someone provide Jimmy with some loud—very loud—accompaniment?

The boys of the grinding room would like to know why Pat Kelley spends so much time in Worcester. Isn't that where a cute blonde called Joan resides?

Everyone but "Pop" Laverdiere is in great spirits watching the snow disappear and welcoming the nice spring-like atmosphere. To "Pop" the melting snow spells the finish of all those nice skiing trips which he has been taking each week end to Vermont and New Hampshire.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Reese are the proud parents of a baby girl born March 8.

Best wishes to Bernice Kroll who celebrated her birthday on March 20.

We wish to extend our sincerest sympathy to Edward Potvin on the death of his grandfather, Philippe Potvin.

SPINDLE JOB

by

Joe Hickey

Mrs. Mary Gouin has received a leave of absence from the Spindle Job. We hope that after a few months of rest Mrs. Gouin will be able to rejoin the gang on the Spindle Job.

Charles and Arthur Clark, sons of Arthur Clark, Sr., of this department, recently passed a two weeks' vacation with their parents. Both boys are attending school in North Hampden, Massachusetts.

Not so long ago, Joe Pelletier was practicing fancy casting with a new rod. Vic Gervais of Department 439, passed Joe's snow-burdened back yard at the time and now insists that Joe was trying to catch mythical snow fish in his yard.

We were happy to have Harry Dalton, retired foreman of this department, visit us recently. While Mr. Dalton surveyed our new quarters and greeted old friends, we took quiet satisfaction in his good spirits and good health.

The Sacred Cows headed by Paul Mathieu, and the Independents captained by Vic Gervais, are battling out the second half of the Spindle Job bowling tournament. The teams are so evenly matched that it may take a play-off to decide who will be the champs.

We welcome to our department Joseph St. Laurent, Emile Isabelle, Robert Bruyere and Shirley Goyette.

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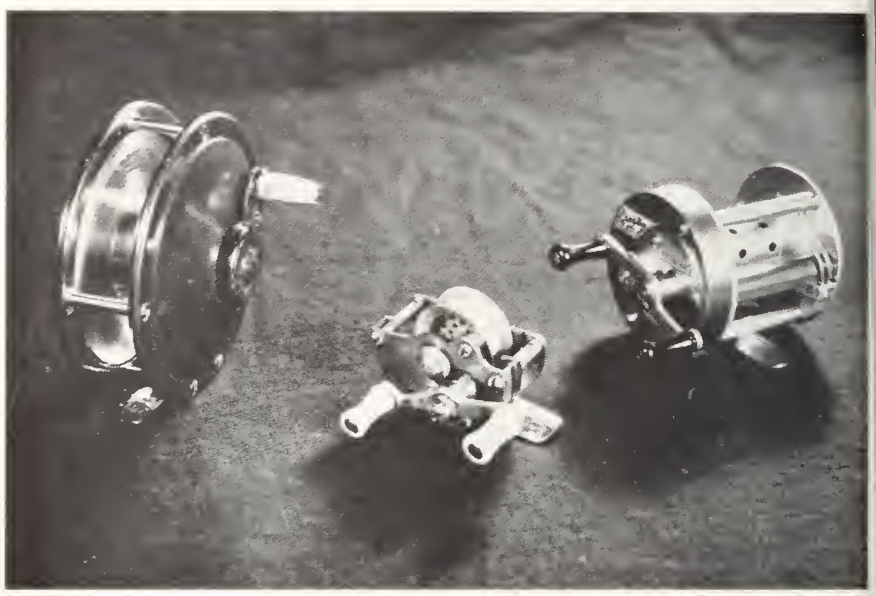
Hobbies-PLUG CASTING

Now, that spring is here our attention is drawn to the popular sport of plug casting. This sport is the hobby of Alphonse Sunn, of the Automatic Screw Job, who at one time held the title of plug casting champion of the United States.

Al first became interested in casting when he visited a sportsmen's show about fifteen years ago in Boston. At the show he spent most of his time watching the casting exhibition where sportsmen with rod and reel were casting their plugs with remarkable accuracy up to a distance of eighty feet. This display of markmanship enthused Al about the sport and he decided to take it up as a hobby.



Commercial fly reel and casting reel dwarf Al's homemade tournament reel

Alphonse Sunn, Former National Plug Casting Champion

Al purchased the necessary equipment and for hours practiced casting from the shore of the Meadow Pond. Although he spent several weeks in conscientious practice, he was not satisfied with his progress. To hasten his improvement, Al sought the help of Tom Frazer from Oxford, who knew all about casting. (Tom was the first sportsman to use heavy line for wet fly fishing, a practice later adopted by all manufacturers of fishing tackle.) Tom not only taught Al the art of casting but also started Al on the road to making his own casting equipment. Besides skill, casting in a tournament requires the best equipment obtainable. Most contestants are not easily satisfied with ordinary equipment and have their rods, reels, and lines made to their own specifications, or make their own casting outfits.

Al made his first casting rod of "tonkin cane," a special type of bamboo that has plenty of snap and pep. Such cane is called "tonkin cane," not because it comes from Tonkin, French Indo-China, but merely because "tonkin" is a quality name accepted as identifying cane of the best grade suitable for fine bamboo rods. Although there are many varieties of bamboo used in the making of fishing tackle, manufacturers can rarely distinguish one

kind from another. The manufacturers do discriminate, however, between bamboo which is suitable for good rods and bamboo which is not suitable. Incidentally, one man from the Herter Importing Company, spent twenty years in Asia solely in the search of good cane for rod building. It is said that he has more scientific knowledge and data about rod building cane and its uses than any other individual in the world.

A piece of bamboo, eight feet long by one and three quarter inches in diameter is used to make two six-foot, one-piece, casting rods. The bamboo is cut lengthwise into twelve strips, six feet long. The knobs of the bamboo are cut down and smoothed with sandpaper. The bamboo is then chiseled out, placed in a V-block, and tapered with a file. Six pieces, for each rod, are now glued together and wound with thread so no open seams show along the strips. The binding is left on for three days to a week until the glue is set. The thread is then removed and the rod is allowed to season for three to six months in a dry place. After the drying process the guides are fitted to the bamboo and reinforced with thread to hold them in place. The next step is fitting the ferrule. This is the cylindrical piece of metal that is attached to the base of the rod and fits into the handle. The ferrule is filed to size, driven onto the rod and wound with thread where it joins the bamboo. The bamboo of the rod is now given eight coats of varnish, applied with the fingers instead of a brush to prevent streaks and bubbles. When the varnish has dried, a handle (which Al purchases) is forced onto the ferrule, and the rod is ready for use.

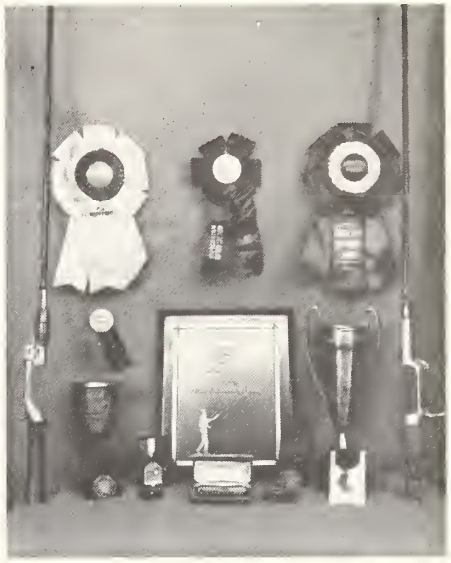
Tieing flies with various feathers and working tools used

The next step is the making of the reel, the most important section of which is the spool on which the line winds. Because it is light and spins easily, dow metal is used in making the spool. When finished, the spool weighs approximately thirteen grains. The gears regulating the spin of the spool are very small and intricate. They are the gears used in the ordinary fisherman's reel but cut down to a thickness of three thirty-seconds of an inch. When the reel is being used, the spool is lubricated with a very thin oil on cold days and a slightly heavier oil on warm days. This type of spool is so delicate, it must not be touched once it starts to spin after a cast. If the spool is not running perfectly, it may explode into hundreds of pieces from the shock of the cast.

For line, Al uses braided waterproof silk or nylon, which is so fine in texture that it runs 27,000 yards to the ounce. The small tournament reel carries about 500 feet of nylon or silk line. The average casting reel, used for fishing, carries about 150 feet of line.

When easting, the wind is an important factor to consider. A slow, steady breeze on a hot day is the ideal condition. In a tournament, five rings, approximately thirty inches in diameter, are laid out at a distance of forty to eighty feet from the caster. Each contestant is allowed two casts at each ring in the accuracy contest. In the distance contest, each contestant just whips his plug and line as far as he possibly can. A good distance cast in a tournament will average between 375 and 425 feet.

All major casting tournaments are sponsored by the National Association of Scientific Anglers' Club of which Al is a member. Al has participated in tournaments throughout the East and has returned victorious most of the time. He has been the National Accuracy Champion, New Jersey State Champion, New York State Champion (five times), and New England Champion (several times). He has won trophies, medals, and ribbons for both accuracy and distance in fly and plug casting.



A few of Al's many trophies together with two of his favorite casting rods

Al has not participated in many tournaments since the outbreak of World War II. He spends most of his spare time in fly fishing, and in making his own flies for this sport. He makes the body of the fly of silk floss and the wings from feathers taken from the neck of a game cock and feathers from turkeys, hens, and pheasants. Al has a flair for the "hard-to-get" and combines in his flies hair from a deer's tail as well as hair from (believe it or not) polar bears. He uses feathers dyed in many colors, as fancy dictates.

Al's flies are not entirely fanciful creatures since he observes, when out fishing, the flies and bugs which entice the fish to jump, and then he tries to concoct a "fly" on Nature's plan to lure the big fellows to the hook. Al often brings home from his fishing trips "specimen" flies to imitate. In duplicating Nature's art, he once used the wrong feathers. However, it was a fortunate mistake because the "wrong" fly succeeded marvelously—Al caught his limit in nothing flat.

You can't tell Al that this proves how dumb fish are—jumping at a "wrong" fly! Like all good fishermen around here, Al believes that the fish in these parts, so close to Harvard, cannot be outsmarted except by the wiliest sportsmen using the finest tackle. Even if we don't agree as to the cunning of the fish, we admire Al's skill and commend his hobby as a great sport and wonderful fun.

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TOOL JOB

by

Shirley Oby

Pete Feddema has argued up and down that there was no money in hens. However, the other day, one of his own brood laid a bright copper penny in his own henyard, and Pete is now trying to work out a deal with the U. S. Mint.

Every year about this time "Muggy" Philibosian breaks out with a rash. It's called the "Turf Itch." "Muggy" has found that the only cure for his ailment is to spent a pleasant afternoon in the sunny bleachers of Lincoln Downs with a racing form in his hand. He claims it's the only place he can get scratched.

Julius Vierstra, a regular contributor to Cousin Sally's Column in the *Gazette* recently wrote, "Now that Spring is upon us, my wife will soon be plowing up my 30 acres in preparation for the seed which I must carefully sow." Well, we are glad Julius is of the old school and insists in doing the *hard* work.

If it weren't for George Jones, Tommy Postma would probably not fill out his pantaloons so well. Each morning during lunch time as Tommy is making the rounds, he pauses long enough at Jonesy's bench to sample a sandwich, cookies or some other morsels of food conveniently spread for him by Jonesy.

AL MORIN

Al entertained Benefit Club members at a meeting last month with his impersonation of Edward G. Robinson

As you read in the previous SPINDLE, there was a fine bill of entertainment at the recent meeting of the Tool Benefit Club. What amazed everyone was the outcropping of a lot of hidden talent.

Joe "Lionel Barrymore" Bouley amused the audience by giving out with a "classical" recitation which had the earmarks of the *Police Gazette*.

Vic Oby, known as the genius of the Tool Job, surprised them all (even his better half) by originating a new step during his song and dance act. From a distance it appeared to be a combination of toe-tap, Highland Fling and ballerina. It was sensational, a word which aptly describes the entire program, regular as well as impromptu.

CARDS & CARPENTER SHOPS

by

Henry Mathurin

Joe Scott, his wife, and son, celebrated their birthdays on March 19, March 29, and March 19 respectively. They celebrated at home with a dinner attended by friends.

Tom Morven, who had a severe cold, went to see his doctor the night of March 22. His physician supplied him with some pills and cough syrup. The next day Tom noticed that his buddy, Babe Poudrier, also had a cold. Tom promptly and generously shared his medicines with his friend. Now Tom wants us to explain why his buddy is completely cured while he, Tom, still has his cold.

John Sotek is now a rigger on the knitting machines. He was graduated from Worcester Trade School and was a sergeant in the Army. John is a grand sport and the boys wish him lots of luck in his new job.

Reynold Scott is going to be married on May 8 to Miss Sabourin of Rockdale.

We are proud to announce that Bill Murphy of the Carpenter Shop is serving as a juror in the Federal Court in Boston.

FREIGHT HOUSE

by J. Harold Baszner

We wish to extend our sincere sympathy to Wilfred Vallee, our Assistant Foreman, on the death of his brother, Paul Vallee.

Last month the Freight House was visited by one of its former employees, Mrs. Adah Halloran Vanderloop. Her husband is now employed in the Production Department. We welcome "Mickey" back East.

One of the new additions to our office personnel is Clyde Gould, who recently completed his schooling at the University of Virginia.

Harold Jones of the Freight Office will be leaving this month for a tour of the United States. We hope he will enjoy himself thoroughly while "seeing America first."

ROVING SMALL PARTS

by Betty McCudden

Our department has been rather quiet this month, and the only exciting news relates to Al Belanger who has been vacationing with Mrs. Belanger in Palm Beach, Florida.

One day Al and his wife decided to drive over to Hollywood, not the California town but the Florida resort only twelve miles from Palm Beach. To lie on the beach in the sun, they left their clothes in the car and shut all the doors and windows. Apparently, one window did not close tightly, and someone gained access to Al's trousers. The "someone" walked off with Al's trousers and with his watch, cash and car registration therein contained. Al immediately reported the theft to the police. Our Florida gendarmes didn't seem much disturbed about Al's losses, but wouldn't let Al drive his car without his registration. He explained that he had a duplicate registration in his hotel only twelve miles away but it was all to no avail. Al had to go to the City Hall and take a road test. Minus pants, with only shoes, stockings, a shirt, necktie and a pair of flashy bathing trunks, Al drove all over Hollywood Beach to prove to doubting police that he did have a license to drive. Al will long remember his Florida vacation, series 1948.

SCREW & GRINDER JOBS

by

Joe Martin

Cliff Goyette met Ernie Porter the other morning and complained about a sliver in his finger. While Ernie was removing the sliver from Cliff's finger, Cliff told how he could feel the sliver while he was milking his cow. "Well Cliff," said Ernie, "it's the first time I ever heard of a guy getting a sliver while milking a cow." Was it Charlie McCarthy's animal?

Dick Conlee is grooming himself for an appearance on "Information Please." The other night without a moment's hesitation, he answered a Framingham quiz master that Silver was the name of the "Lone Ranger's" horse. Dick says he didn't even get a Cadillac for the correct answer.

Birthday greetings go to Elsie Gellatly.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Malgren celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on March 24. We wish them many more happy years together.

Birthday greetings also to Gertrude Ebbeling.

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FISH AND GAME CLUB STOCKS TROUT POOL

Game Club members were out in force last month to supervise the stocking of Riley's Pond. Below, left to right: Charlie Resan, Fred Tebeau, Unknown, John Mayhew, Bert Cramp, James Gelately, Sally Jones, Frank Karoty and Francis Jacobs. Club President, Francis Joslin, Jr., assisting representative of Plymouth Fish Farm in pouring fish. At the right: Transferring trout from water tank on truck to cans

FATHER AND SONS ON ROLL JOB

John Rutana recently completed his thirty-sixth year of service with Whitin. During this period, his three sons, Stanley, Frank, and Joseph, have grown to manhood and joined their father on the Roll Job.

John started working in the Cast Iron Room in 1912. After four years, he was transferred to the Roll Department to straighten rolls. He has worked in this capacity for thirty-two years. John devotes his spare time to raising chickens and tending his vegetable garden.

Stanley, eldest of the three sons, was first employed on the Spinning Floor, but was later transferred to his father's department. He has been with us for fourteen years.

Frank joined his father and brother in 1935. He has a total of thirteen years of service with the shop. During the war, he served with the Army Engineers in the Philippines as a sergeant.

Joseph, youngest of the three sons, was employed in this same department a year and three months. He then served three and one-half years as a staff sergeant in the U. S. Army Signal Corps. Three years of his Army service were spent in the Asiatic Pacific Theater. In 1946 Joseph returned to the Roll Job.

All of the sons are ardent sports fans. Their specia' interest and enthusiasm are reserved for the activities of the Plummers A. A. athletic teams.

Left to right: Joseph, John and Stanley Rutana. Frank, another son, was not present when photograph was taken

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The walking man of the Screw Job is "Bill Magill."

At last we found out why Frank Blakely's legs were so battered and bruised. Mrs. Blakely did her spring cleaning early this year and for a little change, re-arranged the bedroom furniture. Frank, when he gets out of bed, knows in a half-awake way that he is heading for the bedroom door. But the day after spring cleaning—surprise, surprise—Frank was nearly out of the window before he remembered the change. The story is, "Look before you leap," or grow a Big Toe.

We are glad to have Billie "Jockey" Hayes back with us again. Bill spent about two months at St. Vincent Hospital.

SPINNING SMALL PARTS

by

Norman Deshaies

We wish to express our sincere sympathy to Eddie Malhoit who lost his brother, on March 20. The funeral services which were held at St. Paul's Church in Blackstone on Tuesday, March 23, were attended by Dave Clark, Leo Collins, Maurice Deshaies, Arthur Dion, John Jablonski, Gerry Lalancette, Bill Lapan, Bob McNaul, Louis Rutana, Ernest Tessier and your reporter.

Frank Fahey, our timekeeper, has been confined to the Cushing General Hospital in Framingham for three weeks. His physicians are still studying his case. We're all hoping you'll have a speedy recovery and be with us soon again, Frank.

Remmy Roy's election as "The Glamour Boy of 429" has been temporarily deferred. The girls are investigating. Good luck, "True Blue!"

One of our friends cannot take a "riding" about his favorite teams in sports. It is therefore essential for him always to pick the winning team. When the season started in basketball, he was an ardent Holy Cross fan, that is, until the Crusaders were toppled by St. Louis University. The Billikens from Missouri succeeded as his favorite team until he noticed N.Y.U. coming up with a possible undefeated season. Of course, the Violets became "The Team," at least until St. Louis U. beat N.Y.U. in the National Invitation Tournament. When Kentucky was coming up as one of the top teams in the nation our friend switched to Kentucky. When the Wildcats beat Holy Cross in the N.C.A.A. Final, we were convinced that our pal always picks the winner.

Gil Harwood was spotted in Worcester last week, scowling fiercely as he tried to quiet his baby in his arms. It was a very touching scene, only Gil didn't seem to appreciate it.

Dave Clark is known as "The Ambassador of Good Will" in this department. All that he has is yours. The only trouble is, we're never around when Dave's "all" can signify anything.

By the gleam in Joe Paxon's eyes we suspect that Lincoln Downs will be opening soon. Does that check with the newspapers?

"Mush" Dion has been complaining all winter long because he had so much trouble with his Oldsmobile. It was so slow that at one time we thought he was working part time when he was coming in around nine or ten o'clock. Two weeks ago he traded it in for a 1948 Oldsmobile and now they tell me he can't make even 30 miles an hour. Here's a suggestion, "Mush"; next time you take a ride, try taking your brakes off.

We of 429 are proud to announce that within our department we have a duet which holds plenty for the Entertainment World in the near future. Donald Simmons has started a campaign to raise necessary funds which will be used to send Charley Mastromatteo and Foggy Perras to Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scout Show in New York City on Monday, April 19. We'll all be cheering for you two boys.

Donald Simmons and a few of his friends left for New York a couple of weeks ago where they took in the N.C.A.A. Final between Kentucky and Holy Cross. By press time Don hadn't arrived back to work. We understand he had to thumb his way home. Could Don have run out of funds taking in the sights in New York?

Dave Clark has a bet that he finishes in first place in the Retired Business Men's Cribbage League games held every Tuesday.

Here are the standings as of March 25:

	Won	*Lost*
Patterson-Woucyks	64	34
Chiras-Zoyone	63	35
Rutana-Scott	59	39
LaFrancis-Marshall	56	42
Hanna-Stairs	53	45
Dragon-Stanovitch	53	45
Horan-Caouette	52	46
Clark-Diegnon	36	62

BOLT & PLANER DEPTS.

by Ray Woodcome

Congratulations to Jerry Sweet on his new arrival, a daughter, Janice, born March 10.

A double birthday party was held for Veronica Mahoney and Alice Bassett at the Klondike Inn, March 11. A steak dinner and after-dinner entertainment was enjoyed by all. Arrangements were in charge of Doris Richards and Roxie Asadoorian.

Other birthdays celebrated during the month were Earl Briggs on March 30, and Leo Brouillard March 16.

We are sorry to report the illness of William Ward, who has been confined to the Blue Eagle Inn for the past month; of Tom Riley, who is in St. Vincent Hospital; of Ethel Blakely, who is at home; of Pearl Siepietowski, who is in Corey Hill Hospital, Boston; and of George Leech, who is in Cushing Hospital, Framingham. We hope that each of these friends will return to the department very soon.

The Planer Job bowling team is still holding on to first place in the Shop League, but is only one point up on the Garage.

We have a new sport team on the Job, the Planer Job Horseshoe Team. This is the third year of the team and Captain Herbie Brown will accept a challenge from any other team. The team plays during the noon hour in back of the Box Job, near the river.

We are glad to have Henry Lafleur of the night gang back with us after having been out six weeks with a fractured foot.

Norman Burroughs, foreman of Department 414, on March 22 received his Twenty-five Year Service pin. The presentation was made by Mr. J. Hugh Bolton, Mr. Erik O. Pierson, and Mr. John H. Cunningham.

Tony Pilla of Department 412 has left the Shop to go to Pennsylvania and play pro-baseball for a minor league team. He was sent to North Carolina for practice and training.

Franny Lash is also in North Carolina in training. We hope both boys have a good season. We imagine things will be pretty quiet for some people over at the Gym with Franny gone away.

MILLING & CHUCK JOBS

by

Joe Roche

Irving Orrell, our Assistant Foreman, drove to Worcester with his wife and son, Irving, Jr. a few weeks ago. When leaving Worcester, Irving's wife suggested it might be wise to purchase some gas. Irving replied that reading a gas gauge, especially this gas gauge, was a technical matter of which Mrs. Orrell would have only the merest inkling. There was plenty of gas, according to Irving's calculations, to see the Orrell family home. Something must have gone wrong with his higher mathematics, however, because the car died near St. Patrick's Cemetery. Irving promptly swore his family to secrecy.

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"Don't ever let Pete Nash hear about this!" he warned. "Somebody paging me?" was heard from the direction of the cemetery as Peter himself appeared on the scene. While Pete was gloating over our gas gauge expert, Paul Duggan came to the rescue.

We also hear that Irving got "Cookie" Barnes, the foreman at 417, to go to church the other night. The only reason "Cookie" went was because Irving had "Cookie" believing the guest speaker, Attorney General Barnes, was "Cookie's" cousin.

Among those receiving birthday congratulations are Marcel Beaudry and Louis Demers. Incidently this is Louis' seventy-first.

The only new daddy this month is Dave Gray, Jr., who happily announced the birth of a 7 lb. 10 oz. baby boy. Congratulations!

All the members of this department were sorry to hear of the death of Alonzo Gill, a former employee of the Milling Job. We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Gill.

Bill Baszner has returned to the Job after six weeks' vacation in Florida. He certainly sports a peach of a tan.

Everett Fessenden's wife is on the road to recovery after an attack of pneumonia.

Our heartiest congratulations go to Al Brown, our foreman, who celebrated his seventy-sixth birthday on March 24. Al has been with the Whitin Machine Works for fifty-eight years.

BOLSTER JOB

by

Bizar Hagopian

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to Vinton Hood on the death of his father.

Birthdays were celebrated by three members of the Job, namely, Lucy Mooradian, Clarence Brouilliard and Charles Demers. We wish them many happy returns.

Our horse race fans can be spotted at a distance these days. Their smiling faces are like beacons welcoming the opening of Lincoln Downs Race Track.

The Bolster Job possesses so much talent that it could easily put on a very entertaining show at a moment's notice. To mention a few of our artists, we have:

Leo Bouley, a fine baritone who can vie with any member of the Metropolitan Opera Company.

Charlie Kheboian, our comedian, who could compete with Bill Robinson in a soft shoe dance. Charlie's sense of comic has led him to explore also designing of ladies' hats. He can whip up an enchanting chapeau out of any materials on hand, such as old newspapers, paper bags, wood shavings, discarded towels, and scrap bolsters.

Billy Pare, our yodeling cowboy, is tops especially when he is accompanied by Mike Swiszcz who can play a guitar and a harmonica at the same time.

Walter Fierly is our violinist. We think he's as good as Rubinoff, but too bashful for a showman.

Harriet Malkasian is our Hula Hula specialist and can transport you to Hawaii in the flick of an eye. Harriet is also a torrid blues singer.

Eddie Rainville, Ray Blizzard and Charles Kheboian are a trio of song birds whose harmonious warblings are the envy of the close harmony boys of other jobs.

Flinton and Lemeshevskey are a dance team which could win a prize in any waltz contest.

The Louis Armstrong of the job is trumpet playing Alex Pawelcyk.

We challenge any other departments to exhibit such a galaxy of stars.

PICKERS & ROVING ERECTING

by

Sidney Meidema

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Magowan are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a much hoped for daughter, Susan Elizabeth, at Memorial Hospital, Worcester. Francis is night supervisor at Department 421. Mrs. Magowan is the former Pauline Simmons.

Franny had a hectic night on that occasion. After walking the hospital corridors for some hours, the nurse finally sent him on his way a happy man until he came to the new Providence-Worcester road in Millbury, where a tire blew. Poor Franny could find no key to the trunk, which meant no spare. No garages were open in those wee morning hours, so Franny took courage and hiked the rest of the distance to Whitinsville, tired, but still happy.

We wish Pat Mullen success in his move across the alley to Picker Erecting. He is breaking-in to become a road man for George McRoberts.

Milton Crossland, clerk for Bill Hartley, seems very much concerned. His dog has fleas. Treatments are being given weekly now by a specialist in Worcester. The dog has a friend in Columbus Circle, New York City, who nonchalantly tells the world, "Be's you got bugs? Sure I are! Everybody do!"

Margaret Rice was awarded a Five-Year Service pin from W. M. W. She doesn't expect to receive a Ten-Year pin. We wonder why?

Bill Hartley, foreman at 421, received a pencil sharpener from his daughter for his birthday. It's lucky for Bill he doesn't work for Bumstead's boss who has a mania for running little fingers into pencil sharpeners.

We hope Roland Benoit's ring finger heals from the gash it received. He would hate to postpone the wedding.

Mr. Delphis Grignon of Blackstone, a member of the night shift, is reported ill at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston. During his two months' absence he has been visited by his fellow workers. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Harold Wright, foreman of Picker Erecting, has strict orders from his "Boss" to grow a very small garden. Mrs. Wright wants to ride in the new Studebaker and see the U. S. A. instead of the canning cooker.

Robert (Red) Wilcox, of No. 16 Stock Crib, residing at Pascoag, R. I., and Miss Lorraine Guthrie of Washington, R. I. were united in marriage April 3. We congratulate them and wish them only happiness. The couple will make their home on S. Main Street, Washington, R. I.

ROLL JOB

by Harold O'Connell

Pfc. James F. Deveney, Jr., has returned to the States after thirteen months of occupation duty in Japan. James is the son of James Deveney, Sr. of this department.

Jacob Shohigian who lives in Manchaug, recently visited his Mother in Whitinsville. While he was talking with his Mother, much to Jacob's surprise, a mouse suddenly jumped out of his pocket and ran out of sight across the floor. Jacob says he doesn't know who was more frightened, the mouse or the women present. Jacob can't explain a mouse in his pocket except that mice as well as men like toasted cheeseburgers.

Titus Cooper returned to work recently after a three months' vacation. He visited his daughter Mrs. Anna Hoekzema and her husband, who is a surgeon in Bellflower, California. While in California, Titus visited Pasadena, Los Angeles and San Diego. He also visited his son Peter Cooper, a former employee of the Roll Job, whose home is now in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Peter a dentist has three daughters. During the visit Peter made some dentures for his father. Titus enjoyed his vacation very much and feels in the best of health. He is glad to be back with the boys on the Roll Job.

Cesag Onanian and his wife attended a hockey game last month in the Boston Garden. The game, between the Chicago Black Hawks and the Boston Bruins, was an exciting match ending in a four to four tie.

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William Noe's wife underwent an operation last month at St. Vincent's Hospital and convalesced there for about ten days.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Bert Gill upon the death of his brother Alonzo Gill, a former employee of the Milling Job, who died March 13.

Best wishes for many happy returns to Joseph Jacques whose birthday was March 15 and to Harold Kane whose birthday was March 12.

James Kane had a narrow escape from a very serious injury last month. While moving an electric fan, his thumb slipped into the rotating blades. Jim was taken to the Whitinsville Hospital where an X-ray disclosed a deep cut in the bone of his thumb. Jim reports however, that his thumb is now on the mend.

Best wishes to Robert Dippold whose birthday was March 13. Friends and relatives celebrated with a birthday party held at his home in Clinton. The games and refreshments were thoroughly enjoyed.

Margaret Marsan, timekeeper, is reported suffering from the grippe at her home in Uxbridge. We hope she is on the road to recovery by the time the SPINDLE goes to press.

Best wishes to Florence Trainor who will be married to Leo Beaudoin of the Card Job. They will be married in the Good Shepherd Church, Linwood, May 8.

Best wishes to Harry Harrington, Jr., who has resigned from his job to enlist in the U. S. Navy. He is expected to leave for the Great Lakes Naval Training Station in April. "Salty" Cesag Onanian, former Seabee, gave Harry his final instructions and wished him well.

Cesag Onanian, recently had a new telephone installed in his home. Very early one morning the telephone shattered the peaceful sleep of the house. Sleepily Cesag groped for the phone to still its incessant ring. "Is this the residence of Cesag Onanian?" a voice inquired. Cesag nervously answered, "Yes, yes." The voice continued, "I just wanted to find out if your phone is in good working order." Cesag thinks the joker is an employee of the Roll Job. For a nominal fee your reporter will engage to solve the mystery.

SPINNING DEPARTMENT

by

Francis J. Horan

Bernard Kelliher, Robert Couture and Richard Flinton, each lost his mother within the past weeks. To each goes our heartfelt sympathy. We wish to express our sincere condolences also to Richard Noe on the loss of his father-in-law.

With the advent of Spring and with their winter illnesses a thing of the unlamented past, some of our veterans are back at work. It is nice to see Bill Crossland and Dellar Bailey holding forth at their machines again. We hope by the time the SPINDLE goes to press that also Kazar Naroian will be back on the job.

For the first time in years some of the boys from the erecting floor are riding something besides a horse-drawn vehicle. Since the Spindle Job has moved to new quarters, the erectors can now ride the elevator to work on frames being set up on the former location of the Spindle Job.

Attention, Hollywood! Roland Lachapelle, one of our glamour boys, had to pay off a wager to "Dillinger" because Roland was unable to make a date with a certain young lady within a specified limited time. Such is the price of over-confidence!

Mr. and Mrs. George Robbins are receiving congratulations on the birth of a baby boy.

We thought Arthur Pellerin was quite a card fiend until it dawned on us that the spelling of the word was a little different from that we had in mind. It seems that Arthur is a steady patron of the Polka night held in Woonsocket every Thursday evening.

George Dumas, the other half of the firm of Kelly and Dumas, the Michaelangelos of our department, is very pleased that the fishing season may soon be enjoyed in open water. George was on the Arcade Pond during the winter ice season and, backing away to admire a hole he had chopped, stepped into another hole left by an amateur who prepared it for a catch of swordfish. The first thing George knew he was dangling in the drink by his armpits.

Ray Roche is back at work after an enforced vacation due to illness. Ray has certainly had his troubles the last few weeks. It was bad enough undergoing a siege of "La Grippe," without being nearly strangled with one's own necktie. Ray was practicing with the V.F.W. firing squad. The familiar command, "Ready, Aim!" rang out in crisp, military fashion. The squad, tense for the order "Fire," suddenly heard strange gasps from one of the group. The maneuver was interrupted for investigation and it was discovered that Ray had caught his tie in the breech of his gun and had almost strangled. To top off his embarrassment, every time the squad tried to march, Ray's rubbers kept flopping off.

Alec Scott returned safely after spending a week end in New York visiting relatives. When he arrived in Worcester he did not have to go to Traveller's Aid because his relatives were there to greet him and escort him home.

There is a mystery in our department and it seems only Ellery Queen will be able to solve it. George Ferguson told one party that he left his "store boughten" teeth in the cafeteria, and he told another party that he left the teeth at home. However, a third party told us that he met George in Worcester, dressed like a million and flashing that personality-plus smile. What is the lowdown George?

Arthur Peters has bought a house in Uxbridge and a lot in Linwood. Inclement weather he claims has prevented him from moving the house to the lot. However, Ken Gauthier and Johnnie Flezar, who have been looking for odd jobs Sundays, contend that Arthur is waiting for really dirty weather, a hurricane, to perform the moving job for him.

"Jake" Harringa has got that "up-and-at-them" look these days. Since he and Angus Parker have been getting their heads together, we know the Home Garden Club is about to swing into action.

Word comes to us from the Card Erecting Floor that Dick Hyde will not have to go on a diet after all. He discovered at the end of the day that his difficulty in bending down was due to his overalls being hind-front.

Billy Ryan (Crib No. 8) who is from Millville, attests the comfort of the New England coaches. Billy had a date with a Whitinsville young lady from No. 12 Crib. Our ardent swain boarded the bus and soon fell asleep to the rhythmic hum of the wheels and the gentle rocking of the coach. Instead of getting off at Whitinsville to meet the lady of Crib No. 12, Billy, sound asleep, rode to the last stop in Worcester.

If the proof of the pudding is in the eating hereof, the culinary efforts of Mrs. Oscar Andonian are not to be surpassed. Among her guests were her sons, Peter and Paul, their spouses, and our own time clerk, Mrs. Florianne Cameron.

RING JOB

by Ted Bisson

Joe Turgeon, our night supervisor, last month traded his old car for a '41 Oldsmobile. Two days later, while the car was being put in the garage, the Olds caught fire. Luckily, Joe's loss was covered by insurance. Now there is a new cry on the Ring Job. It's not "Firemen, save my child!" but "Firemen, save my car!"

Adrian Morin went to the hospital March 22 for a spinal operation. We all wish him a complete recovery and a speedy return to the Job.

Thanks to our boss, Harry Stuart, for getting us an additional time clock. This prevents running, congestion, and collisions in the line at "punching out" time. We all appreciate the improvement.

With only one more week of bowling, the "Teamsters" and the "Crackerjacks" are tied for first place. If the "Teamsters" take this half, they will win the championship of the league. Keep fighting, fellows!

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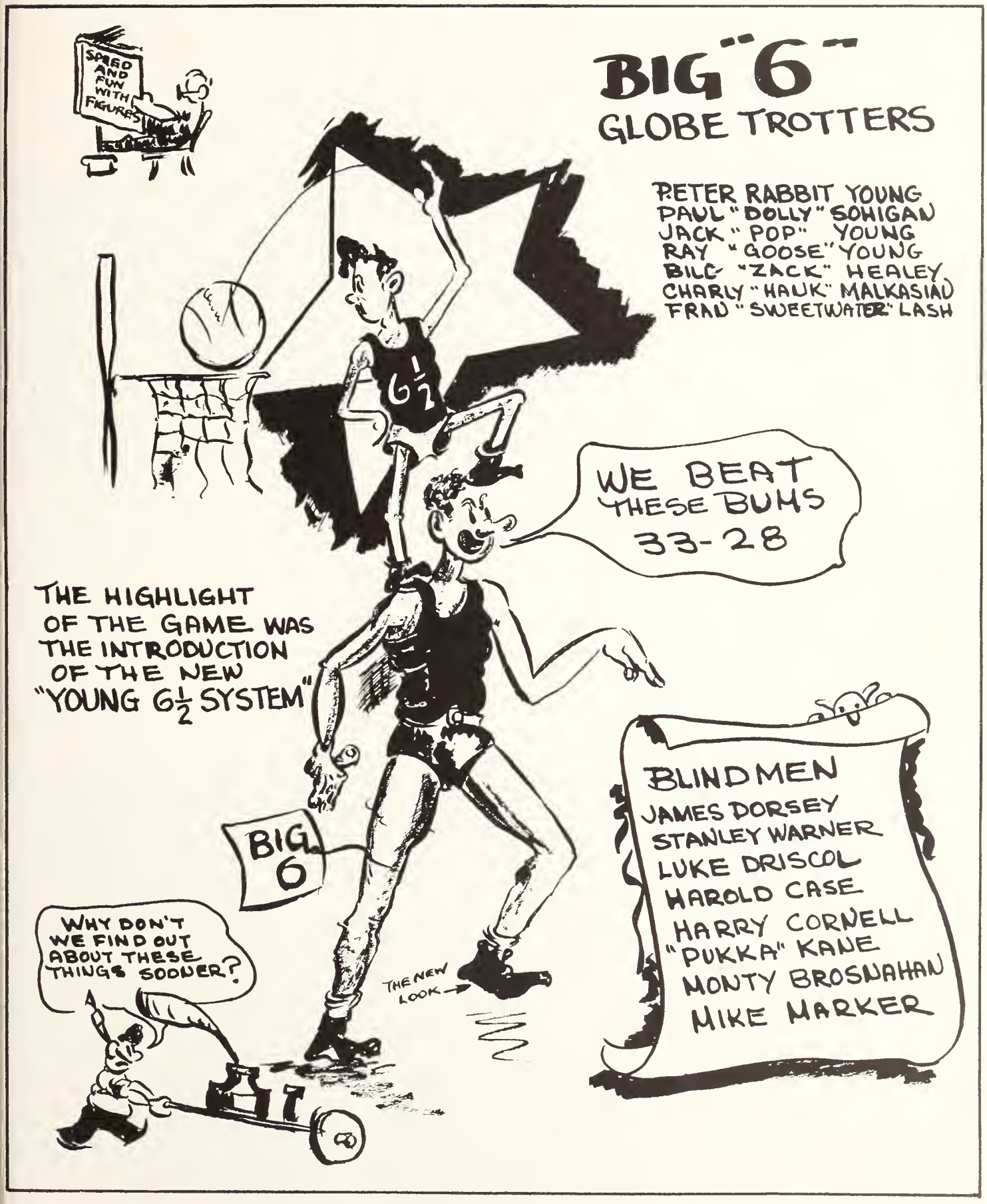
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GLOBE TROTTERS
SPEED AND FUN WITH FIGURES
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BILL "ZACK" HEALEY
CHARLY "HAUK" MALKASIAN
FRAN "SWEETWATER" LASH
G½
WE BEAT THESE BUMS 33-28
THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE GAME WAS THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW "YOUNG G½ SYSTEM"
BIG 6
BLINDMEN
JAMES DORSEY
STANLEY WARNER
LUKE DRISCOL
HAROLD CASE
HARRY CORNELL
"PUKKA" KANE
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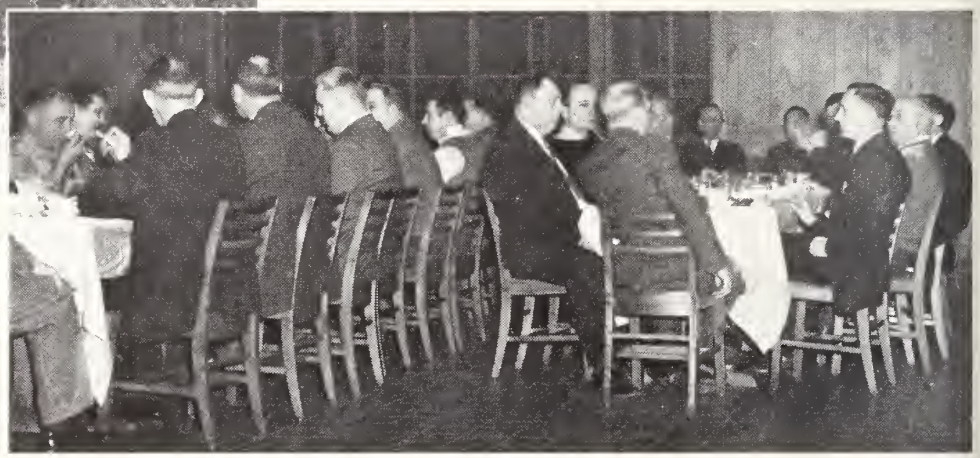
MIKE MARKER
WHY DON'T WE FIND OUT ABOUT THESE THINGS SOONER?
THE NEW LOOK

Firemen's Frolic — No False Alarm



After-dinner remarks by Mr. E. Kent Swift. Left to right: Eugene Banfield, vice-president; E. Kent Swift, chairman of the Board; J. Hugh Bolton, president; Erik Pierson, works manager; and John Cunningham, plant superintendent

In the picture at the right: A group of firemen at the banquet

The Board of Engineers of the Whitinsville Fire Department were the hosts of members of the three fire companies at a banquet given on Tuesday evening, March 2, in the Cafeteria. Miss Mullane, our Cafeteria manager, with a staff of assistants, served an excellent roast beef dinner. Chief Philip B. Walker, who was the toastmaster, reviewed briefly events which were of particular interest to the fire companies and which transpired since the last annual dinner. Chief Walker thanked the management of the Whitin Machine Works and the Board of Engineers for their fine cooperation in providing a new emergency wagon, a foam generator, and especially, a new 1000-gallon Seagrave pumper, delivery of which is expected early this summer.

Mr. Walker greeted especially Mr. E. K. Swift who has been a member of the Fire Department longer than any other member. In responding, Mr. Swift related some early experiences when the firemen themselves pulled their apparatus to a fire.

The emergency crew then demonstrated its most recently acquired piece of equipment, a portable "iron lung" which is especially valuable in reviving persons overcome by carbon monoxide poisoning or suffering from electric shock. This apparatus, added to our resuscitator and inhalator, makes our department the best equipped in the Valley for doing rescue work. This well equipped rescue crew is ready at any hour of the day or night to serve the hospital and the town's physicians.

In spite of a severe snowstorm, our entertainers arrived from Boston and Plymouth to put on an excellent show. The first performer was Elvin T. Shaw, a GI who had served in India during World War II. He evidently learned much from the magicians of that country. His card tricks were completely mystifying, and all the guests are still trying to discover how and where the contents of a hen's egg disappeared after being poured into the folds of a paper.

Grace and Jay, two musicians, furnished some lively, rapid-fire entertainment. Their efforts to teach complicated Scotch dance steps to Bernard Shaw and Merwin Brown brought down the house. The evening was pronounced a huge success and the thanks of the fire companies go to the Board of Engineers.

Not a Scottish field day, just Bernard Shaw and Merwin Brown learning a Scotch dance routine

Earl Simmons pumping water out of Dick Garabedian's elbow with the aid of the Magician

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OFFICE NEWS

by Florence Pieleski

Alice Ferguson reporting for the Main Office informs us that Theresa O'Brien of the Billing Department has a diamond. The lucky fellow is Richard Kogut who lives in Woonsocket and works in the Milling Department.

We are glad that George Broadhurst is back with us again after being out ill for many weeks.

We understand that Señor Jose Loredo traveled all the way from Mexico City to Connecticut on 1947 plates. The irony of it was that he was stopped only when he asked a Connecticut policeman for directions. Incidently, he had his 1948 plates ordered but they didn't arrive in time.

The Main Office just received a Christmas Gift from J. B. Russell who has been spending the winter in Florida. Lucky Guy!! He sent up two crates of oranges and grapefruit at Christmas time but the shipment was lost. The replacement nevertheless really hit the spot.

Winnie Nydam and Ruth Wilcox were looking for something in the General File when a salesman stepped up and asked if the girls around here had signed their own Declaration of Independence. It seems that he has lately encountered the "New Look" in every office but ours. We might add that he was grateful to our girls for preserving their freedom.

Herbert Lightbown, Mame Britton and Janet M. Pieleski report that the Repair Department has rolled out the Welcome Mat for John H. Bolton, Jr.

Sidney R. Mason is enjoying his annual vacation down South.

The Old Dirt Farmer, Charlie Noble, is very busy these evenings tending his seedlings and fondly anticipating bumper crops again this summer. He is noticed quite frequently with his protegé Orrin Austin, discussing the vagaries of the vegetables they intend to grow this year.

Bubble gum, children's delight, made its première in our department March 18. Albin Nelson passed the plugs to the girls and they made the most of it. Except for an occasional pop here and there, the room was amazingly quiet. Aided by the happy "rumination," production seemed to be going full speed ahead.

From Helen Cotter of the Cost Department, we hear that Don Froh, one of our able assistants, left Friday, February 6, to take a position as Field Office Manager, with the Bianchi Construction Company in Framingham. Good luck, Digger Don!

Enid Labonte is moving to Framingham Center, out of the business world.

Helen Osterman came in March 12, wreathed in smiles due to the fact that a new baby brother, Ralph Edward, has arrived.

We are glad to welcome two new members into the department namely, Louis Austin from Oxford and Ken Maynard who was formerly in Department 418.

Thanks to Filene's wonderful sales this month, "Cooky" (Howard Cook) has appeared with two new suits to go with his new Ford.

Several Service Pins were awarded this month: a Fifteen Year pin to Charlie Garabedian, Ten Year pins to Oscar Erickson, Ken Crossman and Ray Colby, and Five Year pins to Mary McDonald, Simone Grenier, Ray Tebeau, Howard Anderson and Roscoe Knight.

Overheard at the Gym—"Did you take a shower last night?"
"No—is there one missing?"

People we cannot understand—A person who talks while we are interrupting.

From Dot Webster and Norma Kane, of the Master List Department, we understand congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. James Graham on the birth of a baby girl. Jimmy passed out cigars and, a little bit in a daze, proferred a stogie to one of the girls who politely accepted the gift.

Our girls were quite surprised on Saint Patrick's Day when Janie entertained us with a Highland Fling to the tune of an Irish Jig!!

When asked why he didn't wear a green tie on St. Patrick's Day, Jimmy Brosnahan replied, "Do I need a green tie to mark me a Son of Erin? Why, I've got the map of Ireland all over my face 365 days a year!"

The gang misses Rita Baillargeon. Hurry and get well, Rita.

With the flashy ties that Jim Terry wears, we'll all have to be wearing blinders.

Last year Bob Brown planted ground cork and wondered why his beets didn't come up. We hope Bob kept the seeds and cork in separate marked containers this year. How about it, Bob?

Gordon Boutilier, our Oil Burner Specialist, who now resides in East Douglas, struck oil on his way home from work a few days ago. A large barrel of oil was lying in the road, but by the time Gordon had returned with help to carry off his find, the owner of the barrel came along and restored it to his truck.

Spring is here! Ernest Parker, our ardent gardener, will soon be planting his seed in the straightest of straight rows.

"Paddy" White, with his analysis of the daily news, has been named our favorite Commentator and weatherman.

On March 18, Mr. J. Hugh Bolton presented a Thirty Year Service pin to Robert K. Brown and Twenty-five Year pins to Gordon Boutilier, Roy Burroughs and James McRoberts. Congratulations, men!

We have just learned that our popular Roy Burroughs has just recently purchased a new piano with an organ attachment. Roy promises to give us all a concert in the near future. (Now, both Roy and our singer Eddie Desjourdy, must beware of Mr. Petrillo!)

Mrs. Beatrice Fior has purchased a new home on Elm Street, North Uxbridge, and expects to take occupancy in the near future. Best wishes, Bee!

Of the 15 men employed in the Master List Department, six are named James. If you call "Jim" in our Department, you are likely to be answered by a chorus consisting of, Davidson, Brosnahan, Ferry, Graham, Henderson, and McRoberts. We are planning a contest soon to suggest appropriate and distinguishing nicknames.

Dick Rau of Methods tells us Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Buma are receiving congratulations on the birth of a baby boy.

Helen Altoonian is home from the hospital and is doing fine. We are all looking forward to her early return to the office.

John Steele and family have moved to their new residence on Hartford Avenue.

Aldred Capone and family of Milford are looking forward to moving to their new residence in Milford.

We are happy to have Archie Misakian back to work with us. He has been on sick leave for an entire month.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Worthington of Uxbridge are receiving congratulations on the birth of a baby boy.

Tad Wallace and Maurice Murray reporting for the Production Department, are wondering if the young bride in the Balance of Stores Department, unintentionally cooked her leather belt while preparing a meal for husband, or if her intention was to beat the current meat shortage.

The regular season of the Production Department bowling league ended Monday, March 22. The only remaining matches will be the roll-offs featuring "Andy" Magill's Crows, winners of the first half, and "Dick" Cunningham's Chicks, winners of the second half. "Andy" Magill informs me that his club won in a walkover the first half and "Dick" had to go all out to make the roll-offs. We can interpret this to mean that "Andy" figures he has the championship all sewed up right now. At any rate it has all the ear marks of a good series. The membership of the clubs is as follows: "Andy's" Crows: Andy Magill, Dot Philbrook, Sadie VanBrug, Chick Blakely, and Harry Segal. "Dick's" Chicks: Dick Cunningham, Shirl Lightbown, Bridget Wawrzkiewicz, Harvey Deslauriers and Vic Romasco.

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Rumors and News

Anything can and does happen in America. At the Presbyterian Church Men's Club dinner on St. Patrick's Day, the ladies acting as waitresses wore green ribbons in their hair.

Harley Buma, under the P.A.A. banner, made up a basketball team of some of the best players around here and entered the St. Mary's Tournament in Worcester. The important thing is they won the tournament. The roster was made up of the following players: Harry Brown, Tom Cawley, Dick Kirby, Mac McCool, John Mercak, Joe Montiero, Paul Prior, Jack Ratcliffe, Ray Walsh and Ray Young.

Jack Hays, one of our retired employees, leaves for England on April 23 aboard the *S.S. Parthia*. He expects to be away for about six months returning October 16 on the *S.S. Media*. He has not been "home" for forty-two years.

"Al" Nelson reports there was a flock of geese flying over the Meadow View Gun Club last month. The question is, "Did the club members have a goose dinner?"

On St. Patrick's Day, Elmer Benton stated that his carrots were pretty good.

By the way, will someone tell us what happened to "Bob" Wilson's orange tie?

Oh to be a politician! Attorney General Clarence Barnes had on a green and orange tie while going through the Shop on St. Pat's Day.

Where are "Mike" Marker's glasses when refereeing basketball games.

"Tom" Cawley, a star basketball player for "Bonnie Brook" has a new record for him—twenty-two minutes without a foul!

About twenty-five years ago, "Dorsey" (Topp) Lemoine, a good baseball player for Whitins, had a hero worshipper—and how! How about it, "Dorsey" Devlin?

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Incidentally, my informers tell me that Vic Romasco who bowls before the matches in order to be able to appear also at play rehearsal the same night, posts his best strings in his early bowling. However, Andy Magill says there will be no early bowling in the roll-offs; he says, if any pins fall, he wants to see 'em.

We take this opportunity to extend our sincere sympathy to Gerald Turner, Chief Central Planner, whose father passed away recently.

F. O. Rizer and Les Dermody are back at work after a bout with "La Grippe." We know that everything else in Texas is bigger and better than New England, but the "Grippe" we have up here is pretty rugged—for verification ask F. O. Some say F. O.'s recovery was hastened by news that Les was turning up his "vehicle" for a slow drive to the "country."

Our wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Leonard Plasse of Woonsocket.

The way of the transgressor is hard. Miss Sophie Ellsey gave up smoking for Holy Week. In a moment of forgetfulness of her good resolve, she lighted a cigarette and punishment followed sure and fast—Sophie burned a hole in her skirt.

"Pat" Murray, one of the posting clerks in Hugh Currie's Department, was feted at a shower at the Eden Gardens in Worcester on April 1. "Pat" will soon become the bride of Henry Rivet of the Drafting Room.

When we see our Boss, F. O., leaning way over the balcony railing when "Bonnie Brook" is playing a close game, in a Community League contest, we pray for courage to usher him to a safe, downstairs seat.

We have received the following items from No. 2 Office:

Judging from all the green worn on St. Patrick's Day, all of No. 2 Office hail from Ireland. George Comeau, whose Alma Mater is Notre Dame, appeared on the scene, however, with a yellow-dotted necktie. Quick thinking George, remedied the situation but fast by wearing a series of shamrocks in the form of a paper napkin. Could it be that he did this for the Glory of St. Patrick or was it for a piece of the shamrock cake that was had by all who participated in the wearing of the green?

Mary Morin is still singing as her theme song "Oh Where, Oh Where Can That Little House Be—Built Just for My Ben and Me?"

Both Harry Lees and Bill "Barber Steele" are out ill with the grippe. Come on fellas—we're all rooting for you—lick those germs and hurry back.

George Fullerton spent the week of March 14 in Cleveland. He attended a Tool Makers' Exposition. Did you mix business with pleasure George?

DAD *will remember* WHEN . .

APRIL, 1923

Plans are under way to reorganize the Sunset League, which has been in existence for four seasons. Daylight saving begins on midnight April 28, and by the second week in May the days will be long enough to complete seven innings after the supper hour.

Kenneth Benner's twins are riding around in a new Chevrolet.

Ray Adams has bought an Essex coach.

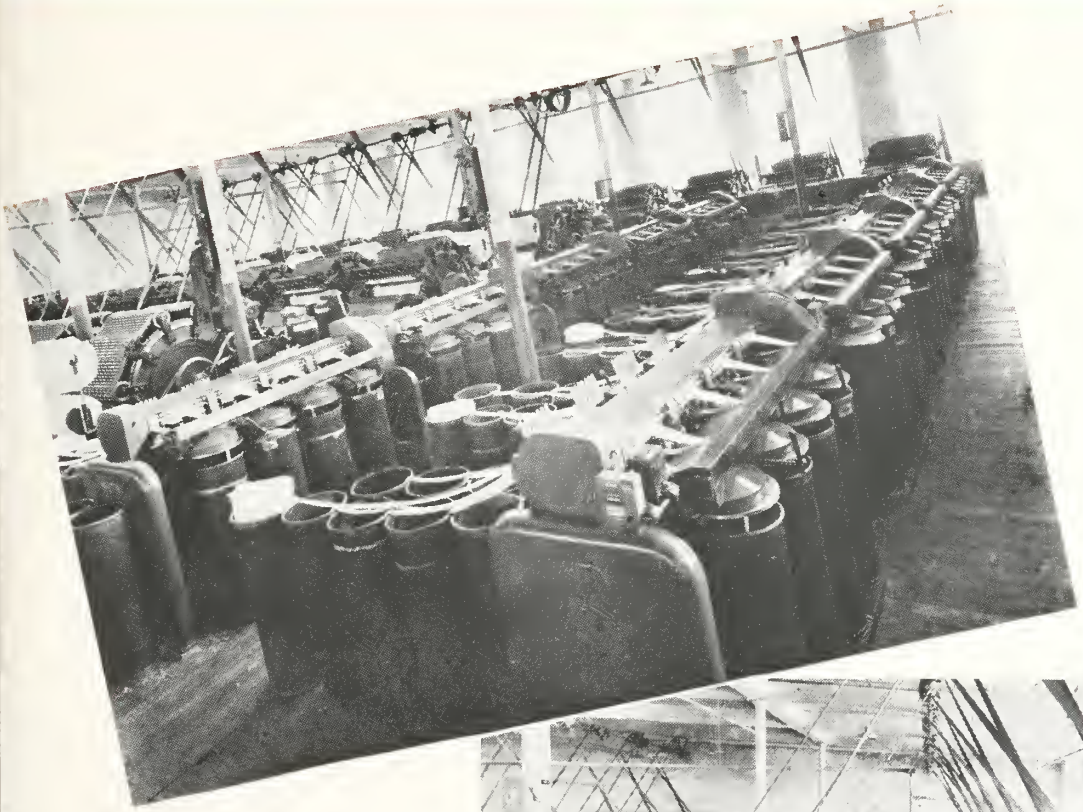
With the early spring and song birds the walking fever seems to have gripped many of the members of the Works. Helen Cotter, Jennie Currie, Florence Baldwin, and Katherine Walsh started out on a now famous walk, to Worcester via Sutton. Everybody was congratulating the young ladies on their remarkable feat when somebody spoiled it all by remarking that they met the young ladies on the trolley between Millbury and Worcester. We know they must have made Millbury, or at least Bramanville, unless some kind motorist gave them a lift.

The championship of the Shop Bowling League was decided by two pins when the Spinning team defeated the Patterns in the second string of their match with a team total of 453 to 452.

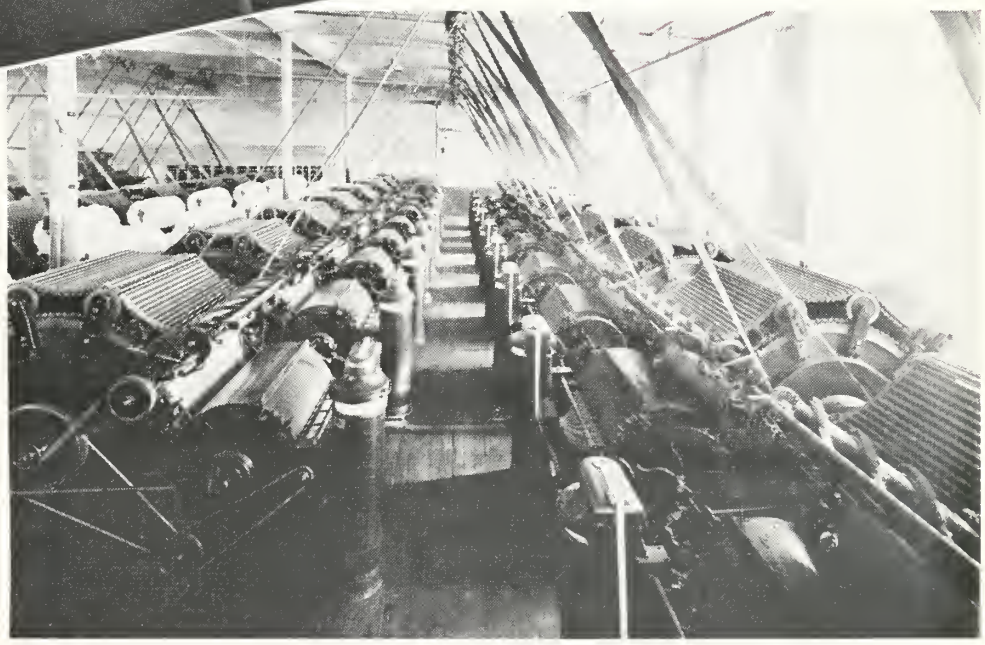
The Fire Department is sporting a new Federal hook-and-ladder truck. The new truck carries one 50-foot and one 35-foot extension ladder, one 28-foot wall ladder, two 25-foot wall or roof ladders, one 18-foot wall ladder, and one 14-foot attic ladder.

Alma Mills—

ANOTHER SATISFIED CUSTOMER



Mill View of eighty deliveries of Model "KFS" Drawing



Mill View of forty Model "L" Cards

THE ALMA MILLS in Gaffney, South Carolina, a progressive organization, not long ago undertook the extensive modernization of their plant. How well they have succeeded is indicated in the photographs on this page. The mills, which are now modern in every respect, are especially proud of their Card Room where we have recently installed 46 new Model "L" Cards and 80 deliveries of new Model "KFS" Drawing built in the Fay-Scott plant in Dexter, Maine. The officers and managers of Alma Mills have expressed their great satisfaction with our installations, and have not only praised the efficiency of our machines but have admired their fine, modern appearance.

The Drawing Frames were erected by Mr. J. W. Moore, one of our Southern erectors, who was assisted by Mr. John Siriskey, formerly of Department 446 and now training as a Card and Drawing erector.

The initial installation of the 46 Cards was handled by Mr. J. A. Atkinson, another of our Southern erectors. The greater portion of the work was done by Mr. Thomas Boroday, who completed the installation. Tom Boroday may be remembered by his former associates in Departments 444 and 446. Mr. Boroday was assisted by Mr. J. T. Burns who also had worked in Departments 444 and 446. Both Mr. Boroday and Mr. Burns have served terms of apprenticeship on Cards and Drawing at the Fay-Scott plant in Dexter, Maine.

Locomotive grab-bucket hoist loading coal in cars for distribution to the Power Plant

THE WHITIN Spindle

MAY 1948

Stephen Carl Davidson, is the son of James Davidson of the Master List Department

William Thomas Prior, five years old. He is the son of William and Pauline Prior

Carleen, four years old, is the daughter of Karl Wunschell of the Card Job

Tiny Folk

Carolyn is the daughter of John Montgomery, Jr., Budget Supervisor

Mary Ellen, daughter of James Kane of the Production Department

We're here too! Peter and Paul Monahan, age six months. These little fellows are twin grandsons of Mary Brown, Winder Job

THE CHOICE IS DIFFICULT WITH SUCH A VARIETY
Left to right: Carl Brandt, Otto Schlums, Ruth Wilcox, Florence Pieleski, a visitor, William Dunleavy, Henry Thomas, Robert McKaig and Clare Metivier

As the bell in the Tower begins to ring the Noon Hour, hundreds of workers converge on the Cafeteria where the aroma of delicious food keeps the lines moving impatiently towards the service counters.

Long before the lunch hour, the Cafeteria staff has been busy preparing the delectable food in the large, spotless kitchen, at the rear of the Cafeteria building. There we find three large gas ranges, with broilers and double frying units on which roasts and other meat dishes are prepared. Vegetables are cooked in a "self-generating" steamer. The pastry cook finds one "upright" bake oven sufficient for his purposes. The refrigerators are described by the Cafeteria staff according to accessibility; thus, besides a vegetable refrigerator chest, they have a "walk-in" refrigerator and two "reach-in" boxes. Electrical devices such as potato peelers, meat slicers, mixers and toasters, speed the preparation of the food and account in part for the fact that the Cafeteria can serve one thousand persons an hour. Practically all of the equipment and kitchen utensils are of stainless steel. At one end of the kitchen, in a separate section, is the dishwashing unit which may be entered directly from the dining room. The kitchen, a light, airy work room, has high "monitor" windows on three sides and fans to exhaust steam and cooking vapors. The kitchen activities, even dishwashing, are seldom, if ever, heard in the dining room.

PUDDINGS AND SALADS COMING UP
Annie Ballou and Doris Putnam

The menu each day consists of at least two kinds of fruit juices,

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Soup's On!

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vegetable juices, a soup, two or three entrees, various cooked vegetables, a salad, several kinds of sandwiches, pies, puddings and other desserts, ice cream, coffee, tea, milk and cold drinks. Hot dishes are most in demand, and roast beef is the preferred red meat. Although all bread and some of the pies are purchased, one special pie and a cooked dessert are prepared each day in the Cafeteria kitchen.

After the food is prepared it is placed on the service counter facing the dining room. The counter is divided at the centre into two corresponding complete service units. The patrons approach the center of the counter in two queues and, on reaching the counter, proceed right or left, depending on which line they have joined. As they walk along either of the service units, they first reach a steam table which has eight separate compartments. In the next section are placed bread, rolls and butter. The third section is iced and contains trays on which are arrayed salads, fruit juices and vegetable juices. Next encountered are a variety of sweets and desserts. Ice cream is dispensed from a four-compartment electric refrigerator chest. At the last section the patron receives coffee or tea or milk or any of a variety of cold drinks. As he moves his tray along he picks up his silverware and swings around—to face the cashier.

The check is not formidable, however, since the average luncheon costs slightly over fifty cents. The Cafeteria, as everyone knows, is not operated for profit but as a convenience to employes who live at a distance from the Shop and cannot return home for the midday meal. The Cafeteria offers the employes ample servings of excellent food at extremely low prices. The popularity of the Cafeteria is attested by employes who invite their families or guests to join them there for lunch. By the way, some sports in the Cafeteria invited us to join them at lunch. Then someone casually suggested that all of us match coins and that the "odd" man pay for the lunches of all. Yes, you guessed it—the invitee was the "odd" man. Strangely enough, the newcomer is *always* the "odd" man. Some employes prefer to bring their lunches from home. They are, nevertheless, heartily welcome to enjoy the facilities of the Cafeteria and its pleasant surroundings.

The Cafeteria was first opened in 1943. Its dining room is a modern, beautiful, spacious hall, pannelled in knotty pine and measuring 152 feet by 36 feet. Although the tables are usually arranged to seat four hundred patrons at one time, six hundred can easily be accommodated without crowding. At each end of the dining room is a large window which accentuates the spaciousness of the room. The wall opposite the service counters has many windows which open on a large, comfortable solarium or lounge where employes may enjoy a smoke, chat with friends, or read magazines supplied by the management.

The Cafeteria serves only luncheon, from 11.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. each work day from Monday to Friday. The daily patronage varies between 400 and 560 persons. Fridays sees the largest attendance. We are told this is due to the conjunction of Pay Day with Fish Day. Speaking of "Fish Day" reminds us that it is the only day of controversy in the Cafeteria; at almost any table you may hear heated discussions as to the relative merits of Rhode Island Clam Chowder and Maine Clam Chowder. The Cafeteria impartially serves both.

Miss Frances Mullane, who is a native of Lawrence, Massachusetts, is the manager of this smooth, well-ordered realm. After several years of experience as a supervising dietitian, she taught the subject of "Commercial Foods" in Essex County Vocational & Technical High School for Boys, in Newark, New Jersey. In 1944 Miss Mullane enlisted in the WAAC and was assigned to Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, where she engaged in occupational therapy work. Under Miss Mullane's supervision and with the aid of her capable assistants and staff, the Cafeteria has been able to continue to serve its patrons well-balanced meals, carefully prepared and temptingly served.

Born with a Silver Spoon

Andrew Buwalda

ANDREW BUWALDA, who has been on the Roll Job for the past thirty years, has an unusual birth certificate. His name and the date of his birth are engraved on a unique silver spoon. The inscription on the back of the spoon reads "Andries Sikkes Buwalde is geboren den 12 Juni 1882."

This spoon was given to him by his grandfather, whose name also was Andrew. Every time a boy was born in the family and was named Andrew, the proud grandfather threw a lavish party to celebrate the arrival of the newcomer. Together with many invited guests, he would toast the new Andrew with a drink known as *boere jonges*, a mixture of brandy and boiled raisins, prepared in an earthen crock. A large silver bowl was filled from the crock, and the silver spoon was used to ladle the beverage into the glasses. After an appropriate number of *boere jonges* were consumed, the silver spoon was turned over to the happy parents for safe-keeping until their son grew to manhood.

Andrew was born in Koudum, Holland, in 1882 and arrived in the United States in 1904.

KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

SPINNING SMALL PARTS

by Norman Deshaies

Your reporter is quite an ardent Red Sox fan and took quite a beating from the gang after that opening day double-header with Philadelphia. But mark my word, Mr. Baker, that come September I'll still be a Red Sox man, win or lose.

We welcome back to our group Mrs. Proulx who was absent from work for more than two months because of her husband's critical condition. Mr. Proulx regained his health and we're all happy over the favorable outcome.

We received many inquiries as to why Foggy Perras and Charley Mastromatteo didn't sing on the Arthur Godfrey Show April 19th. The reason is that we found out just in time that they couldn't sing to save their lives.

At this time, we wish to express our congratulations to Mr. Edward Malhoit, rigger, who has been promoted to assistant foreman. Good luck in your new venture, Ed!

Gil Harwood, our assistant foreman, has been transferred to Department 423. The boys know that they are getting a very good man and we feel sure that they will like you a lot, Gil.

"Frenchy" Audette came in to work one morning wearing one black high shoe and one low brown shoe. Even an absent-minded professor would not have committed that combination!

AROUND THE PLANT

by

Sally Jones

Core Room: All work comes to a standstill when the announcement comes over the loudspeaker for Fire Company No. 2 to report to the Freight House door. Reason: Everyone wants to clear the alleyway for Department Fire Chief Si Hemingway, whose running stride can only be likened to that of Gil Dobbs, the Flying Parson, and for the Lake Street speed demon, Gerrit Ebbeling.

We hear that Margaret O'Brien is very happy that summer is near at last. Margaret likes to take in those night baseball games in Blackstone. Larry Maloney is also a great baseball fan.

Smiling Jack Tognazzi is wondering if he wouldn't be better off buying a dog sled to get him back and forth to Milford in the winter. Jack had quite a time this winter, and we suggest he board at Brook house in Uxbridge during the winter months.

The $64 question in the Core Room is, Where does Dick Melville buy those caps he sports to and from work?

Vaughn (Volga Boatman) Harding will have his new boats and boathouse ready for business when the fishing season opens on Meadow Pond. Vaughn had better get a Mae West lifesaver jacket in case Danny Lajoie decides to hire a boat.

John Mahoney of the Stock Room informs us that Mr. Joseph Adamski is a patient at Cushing Hospital. We hope he will soon be back with us.

The office force agreeably surprised on the morning of March 29 when Miss Shirley Lauzon, of Woonsocket, strutted in flashing a beautiful diamond. Shirley will be married in the early summer to Edward Rice.

Mrs. Doris McCrea, one of the first girls to work in the Stock Room office, has been transferred to the Production Department. Good luck, Doris!

Mr. Harold Adams is the proud owner of a new 1948 Studebaker. When we see him driving along we can't tell whether he's coming or going.

Mr. Leo Roy has contracted for enlarging his home to accommodate his growing family.

CARDS & CARPENTER SHOPS

by Henry Mathurin

We hear Martin Bloem is now enjoying rides in his new 1948 Pontiac Eight.

The other day Thelma Auclair thought she would try out the boss' chair. As she sat down, along came Andy Baird and Thelma was so surprised that she fell off the chair.

We are happy to announce that Leslie Rieker, of the Box Job, is a proud father of a baby boy.

Our best wishes to Chillo Lariviere on his appointment as acting foreman of the Box Job.

We extend best wishes to George Gauthier on his forthcoming marriage to Miss Marion Bushey, of Rockdale.

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THE HOWARD ANDERSON FUND

The tragedy of the fire in the Howard Anderson household quickly touched the hearts of the Whitin Machine Works' officers and employees. Mrs. Anderson, who was bereaved of her husband and two children in the holocaust, required immediate funds in her extremity. The word went through the Shop and, without much ado or formal solicitation, $3,527.13 was contributed for Mrs. Anderson.

The collection was initiated and handled by the John and Richard Moran Post of the V.F.W. which takes this opportunity to thank all who so generously supported the fund.

ARTHUR BROADHURST,
Commander

(In times of great calamity people seem to rise to the occasion and bear each other's griefs with patience, humility and Christian charity. If we could but translate or carry over these virtues into the little affairs of day-to-day living, we would greatly enrich our lives and the lives of all others within our sphere.—EDITOR)

FRONT COVER: This month we are covering Mike Ardesian's hobby—flying. Mike and his brother, Andy, are shown checking over the engine of their navy trainer before taking the ship off the ground. For safety purposes it is essential that a complete check be made of the plane including wing struts, landing gear, spark plug wires, controls, gas, and oil.

Suggesters Rewarded

Working together on an idea, Aldor Poirier and Oliver Colombe hit the jackpot for $440. They suggested a better method of bolting chains to dump cars. This method resulted in a yearly maintenance saving of $1747 and eliminated certain safety hazards. The check was presented by Erik Pierson, works manager

Hitherto the Tool Job repaired bearing races on our roll fluting machines by grinding new races. Maynard Feddema and Charles Reilly, Jr., of the Tool Job received $70 for suggesting the use of ball bearing cases, thus eliminating the necessity for grinding new bearing races

A BANNER YEAR IN '48

Let's make 1948 a banner year! You, "Idea Men" of the Whitin Machine Works, send in your suggestions and get on our Honor Roll. And what about the ladies? Are you going to let the men walk off with all the prizes?

A Suggestion Committeeman in a nationally known plant told me of a worker who was awarded a large sum of money for a very simple idea. "Why, anybody would know that!" his fellow workers exclaimed when the suggestion and award were published. Perhaps so. The point is, they didn't think of the idea and the suggester did. Most important, he passed the idea on to the Suggestion Committee who recognized the large savings which would result from adoption of the suggestion, and awarded the suggester 20 per cent of the first year's savings.

Your Company pays awards of 25 per cent of the first year's cost savings and will welcome you to the list of Idea Men and (we hope) Idea Women who cash in on their suggestions.

Departments Leading in Awards Paid to Employees Since January 1, 1948

Dept.	*Amount*	*Dept.*	*Amount*
466	$440	417	$20
454	160	427	15
411	78	462	13
449	60	421	10
420	25	406	10
424	24	410	10

Fifteen other departments received awards of $5.00 each.

Russell W. Whiting
Secretary, Suggestion Committee

SUGGESTION HONOR ROLL - 1948

Dept.	*Name*	*Suggestion No.*	*Amount of Award*
466	Aldor Poirier Oliver Colombe	48–20	$440.00
454	Maynard Feddema Charles Reilly, Jr.	47–632	70.00
454	Vincent Walentukevicz	47–639	60.00
454	Roland B. Farrar	47–721	30.00
411	Frank Blakely	48–6	28.00
420	Patrick J. Kelly, Jr.	48–53	25.00
411	Reginald T. Bratt	47–649	20.00
417	John C. Bosse	47–195	15.00
424	Edward L. Jones	47–317	14.00
462	Howard K. Anderson	47–744	13.00
411	Ernest E. Ballard	47–760	10.00
489	Sydney Miedema	47–768	10.00
410	Joseph F. Rousseau	48–65	10.00
406	Konstantine Rymeski	47–738	10.00
411	Joseph P. Winoski	48–59	10.00
449	Lionel Arguin	48–16	5.00
485	Donald H. Amiro	47–740	5.00
453	Herman Arnold	48–44	5.00
454	Russell Bailey	48–57	5.00
458	William E. Barber	47–736	5.00
404	Arthur Bessette	47–618	5.00
422	Ernest Bonoyer	47–731	5.00
444	Ernest Brule	47–537	5.00
427	Fabian A. Corron	47–319	5.00
449	Roland B. Farrar	47–775	5.00
496	Peter Frieswick	48–54	5.00
404	Cecile M. Hay	48–4	5.00
411	James Hourihan	47–772	5.00
449	Robert G. Hultgren	47–608	5.00
424	Edward L. Jones	47–659	5.00
424	Edward L. Jones	47–715	5.00
401	Francis L. Joslin	47–705	5.00
454	Alfred P. Ledoux	47–752	5.00
449	Lucille M. Macomber	47–582	5.00
417	Charles Malkasian	47–501	5.00
496	Leo Menard	47–665	5.00
496	Leo Menard	48–17	5.00
440	Ralph Nolet	48–19	5.00
454	Voitto A. Oby	48–31	5.00
454	Voitto A. Oby	48–43	5.00
454	Voitto A. Oby	48–30	5.00
Repair Dept.	Charles B. Pearson	47–761	5.00
454	Leo Petrie	47–710	5.00
442	Marcel Pierel	48–23	5.00
442	Francis T. Shea John H. Riley	47–684	5.00

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BOLSTER JOB

by

Bizar Hagopian

Lucy Mooradian thought her birthday, which fell on Easter Sunday, would go unnoticed. She was surprised, however, with a party the following Monday during the noon hour. Her machine was colorfully decorated with streamers of crepe paper. A beautiful birthday cake with candles and several gaily wrapped gifts were placed near her machine. A good time was had by all, especially by Lucy.

On Thursday, the first of April, during the noon hour, a farewell party was given for our timekeeper, Helen Varteresian. Helen, who had been with us for over four years, left to go out to Toledo, Ohio, where her husband will attend the National Meat Cutters School. Helen was presented with a traveling case by her fellow workers. Entertainment at the party was provided by Mike Swiscsz with his accordion, Charlie Kheboian with a hilarious comedy sketch. Teaming with Ed Rainville, Charlie also gave us a hilarious exhibition of "jitterbug dancing." We are all sorry to lose Helen, but wish she and her husband the best of luck and success.

We wish to welcome to our department Robert Girard, who will be our new timekeeper taking Helen Varteresian's place. We hope he will enjoy working with us and we shall do our best to coöperate with him.

Our best wishes for a happy anniversary go to Peggy and Jim Fallon, who were married 21 years ago on Patriots' Day, Monday, April 19. They celebrated the event with a week-end trip to New York City. Peggy and Jim have one son, James, Jr.

Several days ago a group of the fellows went to the track at Lincoln Downs to watch "Midnight Ride" in the races. That night Leo Bouley and his wife were awakened around midnight by a loud clatter outside their bedroom window. Leo got up and went to the window to investigate and there was "Midnight Ride" just getting in.

Two other couples in the department also celebrated wedding anniversaries: The Bill VanderSloots who were married 15 years on April 15; and Yvonne Labrecque, of the Inspection Department, and her husband who were married 11 years on April 17. Yvonne was presented with a lovely set of salad plates by her co-workers. We wish to congratulate both couples and wish them many years of happiness.

RING JOB

by

Ted Bisson

Dick Lemay, one of our supervisors, is recovering at his home from a recent illness. We hope to see you soon, Dick.

Congratulations to Jimmy Glennon on his marriage to Rita McKeon, April 17, at St. Charles' Church in Woonsocket.

The "welcome back mat" is out for Maurice Baillargeon who returned to work after two months' illness.

The bowling banquet was held at the Riverside A.C., April 28. After a steak dinner, prizes were awarded.

In this issue of the SPINDLE, I would like to say something about our boss, Harry Stuart. Mr. Stuart has been the boss of the Ring Job for 36 years. In fact, he started this department. The Ring Job began in the old building under the leadership of Mr. Stuart. When it was transferred to the new building, our boss came along with it. The Job has been built up from just a few to over a hundred employees. No doubt, everyone is familiar with the little man with the straw hat. Incidentally, he has been wearing one since he first became boss. Is it the same one, Harry? Mr. Stuart has done a fine job and we of Department 437 congratulate him on his 36th anniversary.

GAY CABALLERO

John Shelton, one of our erectors, while in Mexico, couldn't resist riding a horse even if it was made of wood

ROVING SMALL PARTS

by Betty McCudden

Bill Lyman, a rigger on the job, has left for Chicago where he will take a six weeks' course in refrigeration. We all hope that Bill will be very successful. Perhaps this department will have air conditioning when Bill returns.

Everyone is happy to see Johnny Janowicz back again after serving in the U. S. Navy. Let's hope his stay will be permanent.

Everyone misses Archie Ledue and sends his sincere wishes for Archie's quick recovery.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tucker who recently celebrated their silver wedding anniversary.

If there is anyone seeking the services of an experienced baby sitter, he might see Jack O'Brien for information. One night Jack's son, Bill, visited Joe Baker and his family. Before Bill knew what had happened everyone had left and Bill was functioning as baby sitter for Joe's offspring. When Jack heard about the incident, he established a baby sitter service. Jack's terms are 30 cents an hour for Bill's special services.

Congratulations to Al Gregoire who became the proud father of a baby girl.

Henry Harper was hurt here at work recently and we hope he will be back before long as well as ever.

Believe it or not, Robert Keane, our ardent cribbage player, recently held a perfect cribbage hand while playing with his brother and Ben Tjaarda. The hand totaled 29 points. This is the second time in 25 years that Bob has held this rare hand.

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AT THE HIGH SCHOOL PROM

From left: Gertrude Opperwall and Veronica Kelliher

TOOL ENGINEERS VISIT WHITIN

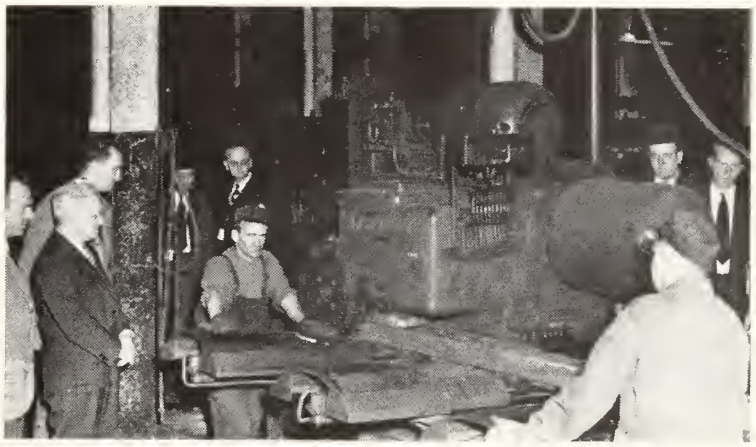
ENGINEERS DINE AFTER TOUR OF WHITIN MACHINE WORKS

Head table, left to right: Erik Pierson, works manager; Carroll Morse, U. S. Envelope Company; Stillman Hyde, sales representative; Harold Thompson, John Bath Co.; R. E. Lincoln, vice-president; Victor Ericson, Johnson DeVou Co.; J. Hugh Bolton, president; Robert Parker, Parker Engineering Co.; Ralph Rawling, Rawling Gear Works; Dudley Back, New England Metallurgical Corp.; Carl Schofield, Norton Co.; John H. Cunningham, general superintendent; George Estes, chief industrial engineer; Ralph Baker, foreman cf the Tool Job and secretary of the Worcester Chapter of American Society of Tool Engineers

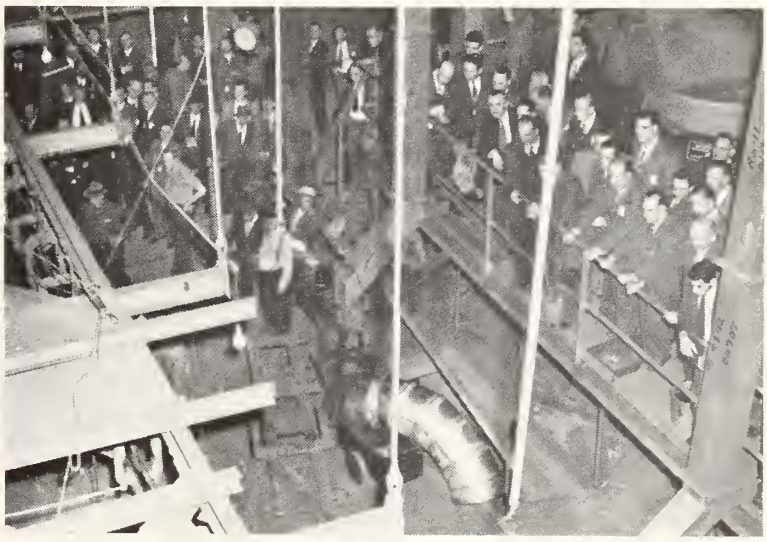
The American Society of Tool Engineers, founded in 1932 for the advancement of the science of tool engineering, numbers approximately 19,000 members in chapters located throughout the United States and in Canada. Last month it was our privilege to act as hosts of the Society's Worcester Chapter. Mr. Ralph Baker, foreman of the Tool Job, is also secretary of the Worcester Chapter, and was happy to note that one hundred and sixty-six Chapter members representing seventy-five companies were among our guests.

Shortly after their arrival in Whitinsville, our guests were taken on a tour of the Plant, where they observed the complete cycle of production of Whitin machines, from raw material to finished and assembled units. Our visitors then assembled in our Experimental Rooms and watched Whitin Machines in actual operation.

Later the Chapter convened in the Cafeteria for a dinner meeting. Mr. Ralph Rawling, chairman of the Chapter, expressed the Chapter's appreciation of the hospitality extended to its members by the Whitin Machine Works. After introducing the officers of the Chapter, Mr. Rawling called upon Mr. J. Hugh Bolton to address the meeting. Mr. Bolton briefly outlined for our guests the history of the founding and growth of the Whitin Machine Works. He was followed by Mr. A. Dudley Back of the New England Metallurgical Corporation of Boston, who spoke on "The Selection of Steels Before Heat Treating." The lecture was illustrated with slides and moving pictures. The evening's program was concluded with a few explanatory remarks and the showing of a film, "The Processing of Wool from Beginning to End" by Mr. Stillman Hyde of our Sales force.



George Fullerton, second from left, stops with our guests to watch milling machine operation on ring rails. Antonio Coito, and Raymond Woodcome of the Planer Job are operating Ingersoll Miller



Visitors congregate to see dropping of the stack in the Foundry

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ROLL JOB

by Harold O'Connell

Carleen Wunschel is one of the children on the inside front cover this month. She is four years old and a first prize winner on Happiness Unlimited hour February 7, 1948, on WTAG. Last April 9 and 10 she appeared in the Variety Show at South Sutton. In addition to her singing she rendered a few selections on her toy piano. Her father Karl works on the Card Job. She is also a niece of Chester Flinton's of the Roll Job.

Tribute was paid by this community April 24 to Pfc. Stanley Kmiotek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kmiotek, first of this town's World War II dead to be returned here for burial. He was killed in action in France on July 14, 1944. Flags were flown at half mast and business houses were closed during the funeral hour.

The procession formed at 7.30 a.m. at Memorial Hall where the body of the combat infantryman had been lying in state under military guard since Friday noon, April 23. Headed by World War II veterans of Northbridge Memorial Service Committee and a motor caravan of family members and friends, the line moved to St. Patrick's Church where a Memorial High Requiem Mass was celebrated by the pastor, the Rev. James A. Derry.

After the church services, the cortege proceeded to St. Patrick's Cemetery for final tribute. Prayer was offered at the grave by the Rev. Francis E. Dowd, and former comrades performed the military honors.

Bearers at the services were Andrew Avedesian, Walter Berknowitz, Peter Prymak, Francis Kalonas, Stanley Konvent, and Joseph Sova, all World War II veterans and buddies of Pfc. Kmiotek.

Edward, Joseph, and Frank Kmiotek, brothers of the returning hero, served as honor guard. The firing squad consisted of Joseph Baskowski, Walter Oolovgian, Monroe Stuart, Archie Bolivar, Alfred Morin, Peter Dersarkesian, Raoul Poulin. Color bearers were Souren Asadoorian, Arthur Armstrong, and Leslie Benton. Color guards were Arthur Broadhurst and Chester Rymeski.

Stanley Kmiotek was employed on the Roll Job from May 19, 1937 to November 13, 1942, at which time he joined the U. S. Army. At the present time his brother, Edward, is employed on the Roll Job, and prior to his retirement, his father, Paul, also worked in this department.

Victoria Miskiawick has resigned from her job because of ill health. She is recuperating in her home at Woonsocket. All of us hope Vicky recovers soon and will be back on the thread machine again.

FREIGHT HOUSE

by J. Harold Baszner

Joseph Felix, who works for Ralph Aspinwall, was married April 3 to Miss Celia Rossa.

Marcel Turgeon, who works in the Freight Office, put on the double harness April 17 when he married Miss Palma Couture, of Linwood, at the Good Shepherd Church. Also in our Packing Job, Vincent Connors was married to Miss Theresa Delmonico, April 3, at the Good Shepherd Church, Linwood.

A new recruit was added to the Freight Office gang when Mr. Samuel Hobbs came in to work checking on the loading books and parts assemblies. Welcome, Sam! Perhaps you've been worried about the "whip" used by our Edward Gorman. Purely mythical, friend.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Oliver Marshall in the loss of his mother this past month.

Clarence Bisson has been waiting to see his great Red Sox in action. On April 19 he had his chance and received quite a jolt when the fireworks just sputtered and fumed. Cheer up, Clarence, the rest of the season is in front of your favorite team. However, just in case they have an "off" day, it might be better if you reserved your protests for your radio.

SPINDLE JOB

by

Joe Hickey

The $64 question is, Why does Lena McKay take the bus on Sunday afternoons to Farnumsville and only go as far as the Valley Dairy Ice Cream Parlor? Is it only because of the ice cream served there?

Congratulations are extended to Lucille Thibault upon her marriage to Ovilva Benjamin, of Woonsocket, R. I. The wedding took place in Woonsocket on April 24. After a honeymoon tour of New York and Pennsylvania, they will reside in Woonsocket, R. I. The girls on the Job presented Lucille with a set of dishes.

Ann Taft has retired from the Job and will devote herself solely to her household.

Vic Gervais seems to have a number of side lines. His latest concession is a stand on Douglas Street opposite the Shuttle shop pond where he is specializing in hot dogs, hamburgs, clams, and chips. Good luck, Vic!

Ovila Gervais, Jr., and Mrs. Gervais were feted at a party at home upon their 27th wedding anniversary on April 19.

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Carlene is the five-year-old daughter of Carl Carlson, Roll Job Asst. Foreman

Deborah Ann, age six months, is the daughter of Edward Kmiotek

George Jr., born Oct. 25, 1946 is the son of George Salley

This happy little fellow's name is Richard. His father is Jacob Sohigian

ROLL JOB—CHIPS OFF THE OLD BLOCK

Keeping Up with the News

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Arnold Gilbert enlisted in the U. S. Army on the 17th of April and is to be stationed at Fort Dix, New Jersey. He plans to take up duty in the Air Corps.

On April 23 Con Vanderbrug celebrated his 25th year of working on the automatics, a vital part of the Spindle Job. He received the good wishes of all the gang, and we hope he will continue with us for many more years.

Albert Violette enlisted in the U. S. Navy on the 24th of March and at present is stationed at the Great Lakes Training Station where he is taking up machinist work.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Michael J. Kennedy. Mr. Kennedy passed away April 1 at the Whitinsville Hospital. He was employed in Whitin Machine Works for 51 years prior to his retirement six years ago.

COMBER JOB

by Hector Chase

Mr. Arthur Haagsma and Mr. T. Osterman left on May 7, for a two months' trip to their homeland, Woudsend, Holland. They also expect to visit the war cemeteries in Magraten.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Blouin are celebrating their 39th wedding anniversary on May 31, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Baillargeon are celebrating their 36th wedding anniversary on May 27. Best of luck to both couples for many years to come.

We extend our best wishes to Donald Sullivan and Eleanor Bouthellette on their marriage April 10.

THE YARD & OUTSIDE CREWS

by Bill Scanlon

Gene Tatro, oldest worker of the outside department, remembers when the carpenters wore celluloid collars and the helpers had to carry small fire extinguishers just in case a collar caught fire.

Louie Casino says "Nobody ever went straight on a merry-go-round."

Frank Turner is plowing up the gardens again this year. Frank has been plowing since Grant was a cadet.

Jerry Lamontagne has been moving patients at the hospital for so long that the nurses think he's on the hospital staff.

Tunny Oliver is waiting for his call from the Navy. The boys will miss him and his big cigar.

A two-apple guy is one who eats one apple and keeps the other for himself. Don't be like that, Bacon.

The boys are singing this ditty when Brock can't hear them. "We work for a man named Brock. He is regular like a clock. He talks our language and knows our thoughts. He knows who's working and he knows who's not. We work for a man named Brock, Believe it, Ripley, or not. If he catches you shirking you won't be long working for a man by the name of Brock."

If you don't like flannel underwear, have Eddie Connors bring you a load of kindling wood to keep you warm these cool spring nights.

Archie Bolivar recently visited his son Donald in North Carolina. Along the way Archie stopped to try out the only known kicking machine in existence

GEAR JOB

by Jennie Ozog

"Bunny" Howard has had us guessing the past few weeks about his haste to get in before the day boys leave. ("Bunny" is on the night shift.) We now find that "Bunny's" going to take the fatal step in June and he wants to get pointers from the married men on how to be a model husband. Best wishes and loads of luck and happiness, "Bunny!"

James Menard tried to see if he couldn't use his forefinger in assisting the broach. Poor Jim has a bandaged finger to remind him that the broach does all right by itself.

Betty Basinet was given a personal shower at the home of Aroyln Boutilier. Betty was married to A.M.M.1/C Norman Bishop on April 2.

Isabel Malkasian invited the girls on the Job to a spaghetti dinner at her home on April 15. The dinner was delicious. Without doubt, Isabelle's husband, Hagar, is so chubby because he can't resist his wife's delectable cooking.

Grace Ebbeling and Pauline Varieur have left the Inspection Department and taken up their duties at home.

It's nice to know that our little "Irish Miss" Louise O'Connell, is on the job once more, as sprightly as ever.

Pat Kelly will soon become a permanent commuter to Worcester or he'll stop making the trip altogether. He's given his girl, Joan Rutelonis, a beautiful diamond ring. Where will the domicile be—is it Worcester or Whitinsville? In either case, we wish you happiness, Pat.

TOOL JOB

by Shirley Oby

This reporter approached Phil Ryan and asked: "What would be your most desired wish?" Without as much as a moment's hesitation, the blarney-tongued son of Erin looked up, grinned broadly and replied, "Sure now, 'twould be me fahndish wish to be at Sheamus Tully's place on O'Connell Street in Dublin, chewin' the fat with Barry Fitzgerald over a tankard of ale and a Mulligan stew." There, now you have it.

When Nap Baker returned to work after an extended stay in Texas, everyone was aware of the beautiful Southern drawl he had acquired in the Lone-Star State. But after a month or so, Nap became his old self again, spilling the king's English in his native Bostonian manner. Upon closer inquiry, it was revealed that Nap had purchased a brand new set of false teeth in the South and, because of a slight misfit, he had shelved them for a while. (I say misfit because I saw him whittling at them with a hand grinder one day.) Without his "Southern" teeth, Nap lost his "luv yoo all" and recovered his "Hi ya, kid." Now the question is, Could it be that false teeth made in the South are equipped with a built-in drawl??!!

A typical instance of toolmakers' blue Monday occurred the morning Jim Gellatly came tearing through the Job bright and early with a jig part in one hand and a monkey wrench in the other, apparently in search of an open machine. With a beaming smile on his face, he rushed over and gripped the controls of a Cincinnati Miller and quickly mounted his work in the vise. After changing the cutter, he set it for the first chip and turned on the feed. Then he relaxed heavily in a comfortable chair, fondled his Fish and Game Club badge and soon was lost in an angler's paradise. But his reverie was short-lived. When the cutter contacted the work you'd think the world was coming to an end. Jim bounded to his feet and after manipulat-

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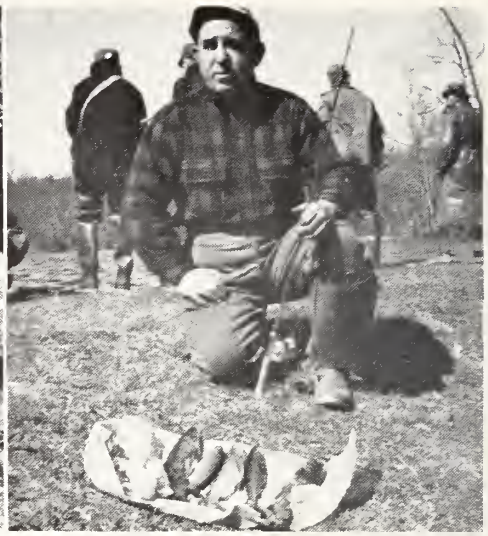
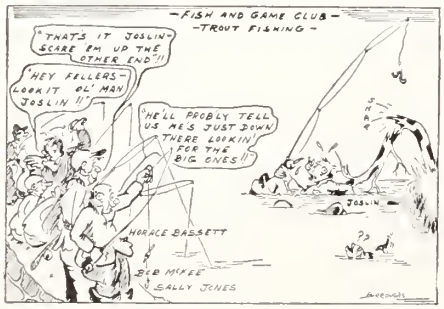


Opening Day at Riley's Pond. At the right: George Vincent of the Milling Job was one of the first to catch his limit of five trout

GOOD FISHING

The Whitinsville Fish and Game Club opened Riley's Pond for trout fishing on Sunday, April 4. The cold weather could not chill the enthusiasm of the Izaak Waltons of Whitinsville and neighboring communities. The first fishermen appeared at 7.30 a.m. and by 9.00 a.m. there wasn't a solitary vantage point on the banks of the pond which was not occupied by a member of the Club.

Francis Joslin, Sr. arrived at the Pond in time to see a solid phalanx of fishermen lining its shore. Not to be deprived of his opportunity to catch his trout, Francis climbed a tree and carefully inched out on a limb overhanging the pond. So engrossed was our friend in the serious business of fishing that he became oblivious to his precarious



perch and teetered back and forth on the limb. Bob McCrea nervously yelled warnings to Francis who continued to concentrate on his fishing until the branch snapped and tossed our sport into the cold, cold water. His persistence paid off, when he was pulled out of the pool and began to remove some of his soggy clothes he found in one boot the trout that was destined as his catch.

Towards the end of the day, some of the fishermen would gladly have gone into the drink for a trout. It seems that after living all winter on a diet of liver and other delicacies, the trout were not going to bite on anything like a worm. Some poor fish must have forgotten their past luxury in their present hunger for they allowed several club members to catch their five trout limit. In all, between 800 and 900 trout were taken from Riley Pond that day, which is no mean catch.

Sally Jones, kneeling on the right, used worms to catch his limit of five trout. Also baiting his hook is Sally's guest, Dr. Jacob Roberts, a former resident of Whitinsville and now residing in Medford. Standing along the edge of the water, from left to right, is Lee Peterson of Worcester, Herbert Henderson, George Jones, and Archie Bolivar. At the right: Frank Polucha of the Main Office seeks the assistance of a friend to land this one. Frank went home with three trout, two of them measured fifteen inches and the other ten inches

Photographs by Woodie DeLibero

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ing two or three levers in one motion he managed to regain control of the situation. "What happened?" he asked. Fran Haggerty, who was operating a Shaper nearby, observed, "Perhaps if you bolted down the vise it would work better." But Jim, as usual, had a quick answer and bellowed, "What a night gang—can't they do anything right!!!"

SPINNING DEPARTMENT

by

Francis J. Horan

Wedding bells will ring on June 19 in Milford for Bob Giacoaelli of the Wool Frame Division.

Bill Rutana has found a new diversion on Sundays. No lost week ends for Bill. Two Canadian fishermen showed Bill how to make snares and he now spends Sundays snaring suckers in the streams around Sutton, Canadian style.

Henry Racicot, who is known as the lone-star ranger, was seen shopping in Woonsocket recently. He explained everything satisfactorily except a large box of candy done up in a fancy package. What goes on, Henry?

Louise Oolovgian is usually surrounded by many friends in and around the Cafeteria during week days. On Saturdays, however, she is by "her lonesome." Anyhow, the driver of the 3:25 New England bus is there with the most cordial of greetings.

We are glad to see Fred Silliman back at work after his illness.

We wish to extend our deep sympathy to Clint White on the loss of his infant son.

Arthur Richards has left Kizar's division to join the Navy.

Elizabeth Fullerton has been added to the personnel of this division.

Freddie White is not worried about the danger of floods from the Arcade Pond. He said that if a flood should occur, he will borrow a pair of Leo Bellville's rubbers, lash them together, and have a raft on which to navigate.

Word comes from the Card Job that after decisively beating Joe Gauvin and Pete Young, Fred Langlois and Mike Feen thought they would look for greener fields to conquer at cribbage. They received a challenge from Rockdale and, full of confidence, accepted. Their expression the following day told the results. Won 3—lost 14. Fred and Mike are now back in their own league and taking lessons on the side from Mrs. Langlois.

This columnist has been asked to notify the members of Department 448 that a bowling league will be started in the fall. Anyone interested is asked to leave his name at Ben Scott's office.

COTTON MILL

by Louise Sohigian

Since last month Josie Sitnik has been walking around with a gleam in her eyes. She has finally got the thing she wanted most in her life—a car. Hope you have good luck with it, Josie.

Birthdays celebrated during the month of April were—Josie Sitnik, Earl Karlson, Gladys Hickey, David Dion, Penny Pessatti, Ann Mantell, and Hedwidge Larochelle. We wish them many happy returns.

Our deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Keith Kilbreath on the loss of their daughter, Keileen.

A thirty-year Service Pin was awarded to Louis Hanson, our foreman. J. Hugh Bolton, John Cunningham, and Erik Pierson made the presentation.

Jerry D'Alfonso is walking on air these days. He can think of only one date, May 29, when he will be married to Eileen Waterman.

Earl Karlson went to New York for a week end to attend the wedding of his sister. We're told he had a wonderful time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Burroughs went to New York for Patriot's Day week end. We are wondering if it was a second honeymoon.

We hear that Mary Minnihan is making baby sitting her profession.

On April 5, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bolivar celebrated their first wedding anniversary. We wish them many years of continued happiness.

Things are a little bit dull around the mill since Joe Janczyk painted the "Green Hornet" black.

The glitter in Jennie Stefanijck's eye is caused from the reflection of the diamond on her left hand. Best of luck, Jen.

Orchids to Mary Conway for returning the wallet that was lost by one of the outside painters.

Congratulations to Charlie Brown and Ed Sullivan of the Plumbing Shop on the arrival of their recent tax exemptions.

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Anthony and Victoria Sabbatino believe in team work. They both work on the Spinning floor. Vicki, as she is better known, works on threadboard assemblies. Tony is a fitter following in the footsteps of his father who also was a fitter on spinning frames. Tony, a veteran, met and married Vicki while stationed in Texas. Vicki is a native of Galveston. They have a son 3½ years old who was born in Galveston. Tony brought his family East in 1946 and both he and Vicki started working on the Spinning floor the same year

Sports Talk

by Harold Case

At our Industrial banquet Sam Currie was our very able toastmaster and introduced the guests at the head table. Mike Marker was first on the program with a short history of the League and a review of the games and team records this year. Mr. James Rankine, a member of the Gym Committee, then presented the trophies to Belvals, the winning team, and to Bonnie Brook, the runner-up.

Ed Hickox, ex-coach of Springfield College, spoke briefly and was followed by John Bunn, Springfield's present coach. The crowd enjoyed Mr. Bunn's movies of several Springfield games and a film of the Holy Cross Sugar Bowl game.

We missed "Doggie" Julian who was ill and was prevented from attending not only our banquet, but also a dinner given in Boston the previous night in his honor. However, we had an unscheduled treat in the performance of Paul Pryor and Pat (call me Timber) McCudden. Paul Pryor seated himself on a table and Timber McCudden climbed on Paul's knee. Then Timber sang, in remarkably good voice, several old

time favorites. The audience couldn't get over Timber's fine singing until he missed a cue—he had his mouth open 3 blocks down past his tonsils and not a sound came forth. Timber had merely contributed the facial expressions—the voice was Paul Pryor's. The "act" is so good it deserves full booking next year at all of our local get-togethers.

CHAMPIONS OF INDUSTRIAL LOOP LEAGUE
Front row, left to right: Dick Kirby, Ray Remington, Bill Cowen. Back row, left to right: Moe Enwright, Bill Dalton, Paul Pryor, and Ray Walsh. Paul Doonan and Walter Sousal were absent when photograph was taken

RUNNERS-UP
Front row, left to right: John Mercak, William Healy, Peter Young, mascot; Jack Ratcliffe, Ray Novicki. Back row, left to right: William Brosnahan, Tom Cawley, Fred Tattersall, John Magill and Francis McCool, captain

AT LEAGUE BANQUET
Left: Guests at the head table of the Community Basketball League banquet held in the cafeteria were, seated, left to right, Frank P. Crotty, state editor of the *Worcester Telegram* and *Gazette;* John W. Bunn, Springfield College coach; Samuel J. Currie, toastmaster, and Edward Hickox, former Springfield College coach. Standing: James C. Rankine and Roscoe M. Marker. Right: Edward Baker accepts trophy from James Rankine, director of the Whitin Community Association. Samuel Currie looks on.

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PICKERS & ROVING ERECTING

by Sidney Meidema

We welcome back Rod Norberry, who has just returned from Norfolk, Virginia.

The boys wish to thank Gene Champany for the fine gifts he sent them during his trip to Montreal, Canada.

Frank Clark is visiting his son at Williston, North Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucien Lamoureux, of Slatersville, are receiving best wishes on the occasion of the birth of their son, George Lucien, at the Woonsocket Hospital.

We're hoping that Bertha Ledoux, from No. 16 crib, who has been ill for more than a week, will soon return to the job.

William Hartley is smiling again. His wife, who had been at Memorial Hospital, Worcester, for several weeks, is now home again and is feeling much better. Let's hope you can keep that smile, Bill.

For some time Aimee Couture, assistant foreman of Department 421, has been talking about building a house. Now, Aimee comes with the news that he must move to make room for the landlord who needs his home. Aimee will begin construction as soon as he secures a deed to the land. We're hoping his home is completed before winter.

Arthur Leavitt and John Skeary are at it again. They're boasting of how high their peas and onions have grown and forget that we know the gardens have only recently been plowed.

After four months of illness, Mr. Delphis Grignon, of Blackstone, passed away at his home. We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Grignon and the children.

George Armston, foreman at Department 447, is reported scouting for a jet plane to get him over the Merrit Parkway to his son's home in New York every week end. It takes too long by car.

FOUNDRY AND METAL PATTERNS

by Varkis Arkelian

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Alberta celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary at a surprise party given by their daughter at her home. The couple were married in Cannonbury, Pennsylvania, and have been living in Whitinsville for 20 years. Relatives from New York and Pennsylvania were on hand to join in the celebration. The couple received many gifts from friends and relatives. Best wishes to Louis and his wife for many more years of health and happiness together.

Congratulations to Austin Carter and his wife on the arrival of a baby boy at the Whitinsville Hospital.

In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love. Three young men bethought themselves of an equal number of fair damsels in our Production Control office, and cause us to offer congratulations to: Amalia Frabotta, who was married April 17 to Thomas Halacy; Evelyn Voveris, who was married May 1; and Flora Bedard, who was married to Albert Baillargeon May 15.

WINNERS OF SHOP BOWLING LEAGUE

Left to right: Planer Job—Fred Siepietowski, Ernest Bonoyer, Fred Cowburn, John Sotek, Ben Bardin and Henry Cant

RUNNERS-UP

Left to right: Tool Job—Art Barsamian, John Connors, Melvin Young, James Marshall, William Hall and William Shaw

Total pinfall in roll-off: Planer Job 1878; Tool Job 1724; high single string for the season—M. Morin 149; high three string—M. Morin 365; high team single—Planers 567; high team three strings—Garage 1578; high individual average—W. Spratt 104; second high individual average—Fred Siepietowski 101.8

Officially the baseball season began April 19. Nearly everyone is interested in the league series of games. The Foundry, however, has only one thought in mind, "Beat Department 402." Department 402 challenged the Foundry to play softball. Captain Armand "Joe DiMaggio" Gagnon, of the Foundry, is getting his team ready. He wrote to Fenway Park for the use of that field for this great series. Because Fenway is too small to accommodate the big crowds expected to attend, the games will be held at the Polish grounds in Plummer Corner. The series will consist of three games. May the best team win—we mean the Foundry, of course. We boast such stars as Pete "Ted Williams" Chenevert, John "Bobby Doerr" Salomi, Rocco "Johnny Mize" Merolli and many other outstanding players. Watch the SPINDLE for the exact date of these games. We guarantee everyone a good time.

Evelyn is the daughter of Ross Rajotte of the lumber yard

Arsan Ovian and Norman Tessier are in the hospital as this issue of the SPINDLE goes to press. Both are doing well and we hope that they soon will be back on their jobs.

An election was held April 21 in the Foundry Division to determine whether the International Molders and Foundry Workers Union would continue as collective bargaining agent of the Foundry unit. One hundred and eighteen persons voted for the Union, and 338 persons voted against the Union. Four ballots cast were held void.

From William Prior, reporting for the Metal Pattern Job, we hear that Jack Leonard has been confined to the Whitinsville Hospital with a leg infection. We hope you will be back with us soon, Jack.

Carl and Mrs. Rankin recently celebrated their wedding anniversary in Washington, D. C.

Plans are under way for the department's annual spring outing. It's a ball game this time. Ray Belanger is in charge of arrangements.

Department 402 is still waiting for an answer to its softball challenge to the boys down on the Herman Rollovers. Just name the day, fellows, and bring a keg along.

Harry Daubney, Jr., finally got rid of that old faded '34 Plymouth and bought a 1946 Hudson.

Joe Prior, who took the engine of his car apart in his brother Bill's cellar, finally has it running. However, Bill has a sign out

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"Auto parts for sale." Joe ought to tell the automobile manufacturers how to make a "simplified" engine.

Artie Mooradian, who is filling in for Jack Leonard in our office, has started a band of his own, and opened at the Whitin Memorial Gym on Friday, May 14. The boys all wish you luck, Artie.

Congratulations to Bob Caston who is the proud father of a baby daughter. Congratulations also to Ed Benoit and Bud Martin who also were blessed with new daughters, and to the Henry Forgets, who have a baby boy.

WINDER JOB

by "Dorsey" Devlin

This department has been in quite a whirl of social events of late. Rose Gandolfi was hostess to a few of the fair sex at her home in Milford on Monday evening, April 19, in celebration of Rita Skinyon's birthday. The spaghetti and meatball supper was voted a huge success by the celebrants, Celia Lemek, Katherine Kane, Mary Kane, Josephine Gandolfi, Josephine Convent, Margaret McBratney, Rita Skinyon, and Rose Gandolfi.

Marion Isabelle, who also first saw the light of day on historic Patriots' Day, was tendered a party by the Test Frame crew during the noon hour. A delicious birthday cake, made by Phyllis Sotek, highlighted the occasion.

June Hammond is sporting a diamond around on the night shift. Albert LaFleur is the lucky fellow.

Ted Podles and the Mrs. took a trip to New York City to view, among other things, the Easter Parade. While they were attending the 11 o'clock Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Ted, who happened to be seated at the end of the pew, was approached by an usher who handed him an alms basket and asked him if he would assist in taking the collection since the staff was somewhat shorthanded. By obliging, Ted became the first citizen of Uxbridge to have the distinction of being an usher in one of New York's most prominent churches.

We feared for a while, a few days back, that we were going to lose a good lathe hand. As the strains of the "Marine's Hymn" rang out over the P.A. system, Bob Hultgren had that longing look in his eye. Bob, incidentally, was a corporal in the Second Marine Division off Okinawa.

Congratulations on the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sizer.

The heartfelt sympathy of the department goes out to Mrs. Annie Taft in the loss of her sister.

The Job wishes speedy recovery to the following persons on the sick list: Charles Burke, Mildred Benoit, Mary Murray, and Marie Deslauriers.

Brian following in his father's footsteps even though only three years old. Brian is the son of Charles "Dorsey" Devlin, our reporter on the Winder Job

MILLING & CHUCK JOBS

by Joe Roche

We are happy to report that Ted Cormier's wife is out of the hospital after a serious illness. Ted works on the Chuck Job.

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Howard Anderson who has been so greatly bereaved in the death of her husband and two children.

Jim Daley's mother is coming along nicely at Deaconess Hospital in Boston after a very serious operation. Jim is our time clerk on the Milling Job night shift.

CHAMPIONS OF THE INDUSTRIAL TRIANGLE LEAGUE, 1923

Front row, left to right: William Denoncourt, ss.; Thomas O'Neil, 3b.; Anthony Campo, p.; John Steele, p.; Charles McKinnon, c.; William Cooney, 3b.; James Hayes, mascot. Back row, left to right: Harry Kiernan, cf. and coach; Irving Dalton, manager; Frank Leonard, 1b.; Chris McGuire, 2b.; Frank White, c.; George Hartley, lf.; Richard Malgren, rf.; William Murray, p.

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We wish to extend a hearty welcome to Ray Robinson. Ray is back after doing a hitch in the Navy.

Roger Senecal is receiving birthday congratulations.

George DesBarres attended the Boston Red Sox–Philadelphia Athletics doubleheader in Boston on Patriots' Day. We could tell the Sox lost by the look on George's face the next morning.

Overheard by Al Brown, our foreman: First Radio Ham: "I'll bet we have more squirrels in our town than any town in the country."
Second Ham: "You ought to, with all the nuts you have in your town."

BOLT & PLANER DEPTS.

by

Ray Woodcome

The Planer Job Bowling Team is definitely the winner in the Shop League. Members of the team had a tough fight up until the end. First of all, they ended the second half tied up with the Garage Team. They succeeded in taking over the Garage and then rolled off the Tool Job team, winners of the first half. Even Jim Marshall, Sr., who bowls for the Tool Job, will admit that the Planers' easily vanquished the Tool men.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wallace on their 45th wedding anniversary April 15. A party was given in their honor by their family.

We want to welcome as new recruits to our department, Harold Kanovian, Renaud Caprini, Al Ballou, and Joseph Chauvin. We hope their association with us will be long and pleasant.

Birthday congratulations go to Harold Kanovian (better known as "Hatrack"), Leo Asadoorian, and Amelia Leclerc.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Brouillard who celebrated their eighth wedding anniversary April 20. Leo really did this one up in great shape; he took the day off and took Mrs. Brouillard out to a show and dinner.

We are happy to have with us again, Ethel Blakely and Tom Riley who have been ill for the past few months.

Eileen (Burns) Stanley concluded her stay with the Bolt Job and is resuming her duties as a housewife.

We are glad to welcome back Royal Steans as inspector on the Punch Job. Royal is not new around here as most of us frequently saw him during the war years when he was a government inspector of torpedoes.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Orestes DiSalvo's mother who died April 17 in Woonsocket. We offer our heartfelt sympathy.

The Social Club of the Planer Job had a meeting and supper party April 1, at the "Bocci Club" in Woonsocket. Everyone enjoyed the chicken dinner although it did take two orders to fill Bill Baszner.

All of us down here appreciate the installation of two new time clocks. Now you can punch out without fear of getting trampled on. Funny, we never had that trouble punching in!

They have taken out the old-fashioned wash sink on the Bolt Job and replaced it with the new round type. Now Benny Tjaarda is wondering who is going to take the responsibility of keeping it clean. We think it belongs to 412, Benny.

We are sorry to report the injury of John Kulungian, the handyman of the Cradle Department, and hope he will be back with us soon.

Ernest Buker has been out for the past few weeks with the grippe. We wonder if the turkeys missed him as much as we did?

A farewell party was given Doris Richard and Eileen Stanley at the home of Veronica Mahoney, April 6, by the girls of the Cradle Room.

We hear Freddie Siepietowski is considering going into professional bowling. Freddie was captain of the championship team in the Merchants League and also captained the Planer Job team which captured the Shop League championship.

OFFICE NEWS

by Florence Pieleski

From the Repair Department Mame Britton, Janet Pieleski, and Herb Lightbown report that Mr. Sydney Mason has returned from his month's sojourn in the sunny South. Mr. Mason is well tanned and all welcome him back.

The welcome mat is out to greet Ruth Thompson, formerly of the Cost Department and Margaret Kennedy, formerly of the Production Department. We hope your stay will be a happy one.

Mr. Mason presented Service Pins to the following people of our department—Robert McKaig, 40 years; Ray Adams, Charlie Noble, William Crawford, and Al Nelson, 30 years; Thomas Marshall, 20 years; Harry Drinkwater, Orin Austin, Rose Kalonas, Herbert Lightbown, and Henry Thomas, 10 years; Janet Pieleski, Alice Bloem, and Carl Dupre, 5 years. The reporters had to call the Personnel Department to ascertain the number of years Charlie Pearson has been keeping us happy cuz he was shy about his age. We understand that Charlie has been with us 10 plus 5. Now Charles that makes you just 30, correct?

Now that the golfing season has rolled around again, we are anxiously awaiting for Ray Adams to cover the course decked out in his yellow shorts. Since the "new look" is definitely in, we wonder if Ray will dare to wear them this year. Just add a ruffle on them, Ray.

Bill Crawford, one of our smartest dressed men, is a bit perplexed. Bill wants to buy a Glen plaid suit, but on the other hand feels too old for that sort of stuff! What stuff, Bill?

Dot Michalik and Evelyn Feddema are welcomed as reporters for No. 2 Office. They

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38 YEARS AGO

Front row: William Ward, Henry Woodcome, James Burns, Ike Finney, Tom Driscoll. Standing: Ray McCarthy, Dennis Connors, Pat Duggan, Fred McCarthy, Sally Jones, Louis Veau

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report that it takes a first-class-plus gardener to do as well as Ken Benner has done with his tomatoes. While others are just thinking of buying their seeds Ken claims to be picking the fruit from his vines. How good can one be? Well, we still wish our gardener friend a very happy birthday. We also extend best wishes to Evelyn Feddema on her birthday. Ev just returned from New York where she wished bon voyage to her future in-laws, who sailed to Holland for a visit.

Hidden talent showed itself when Anne and Mabel Baker gave superb performances in "The Woman Next Door." An "Oscar" to you, girls!

Welcome back, Harry Lees! We missed you and are happy to have you with us again.

We welcome Sam Magill to our reporting staff and know that the Supply Office will be well represented. Sam reports the Beginners Department of the Congregational Church Bowling League won the League championship. Rocky Knight's sensational bowling brought the beginners through while Earl Wood and Woodie DeLibero were with the losers.

Lorraine Beauregard has been accused of riding around in a motorcycle. Lorraine explains that it's a Crossley and belongs to her chauffeur, Pete Chauette. Belle Thibault is very careful how she explains her bruised shin. Those Saturday night dances must be jammed.

Alice Ferguson reports from the Main Office that Gert Barlow is back to work after an operation at Memorial Hospital. Nice to see you back, Gert. Winnie Nydam severed her relations with the Contract Department April 2. Marie Gronvall took up Winnie's duties. Marie just recently returned from Sweden where she spent several months visiting with friends and relatives. Marie is glad to be home but wishes her stay might have been longer.

Dick Rau, of Methods, reports that Armand and Mrs. Cournyor have been blessed with a baby girl. Congratulations!

Barbara Brown, of the Drafting Room, relays our congratulations to Henry Rivet on his marriage to Patricia Murray, of the Production Department, and to Muriel Dupre on her marriage to Henry Ganlue. The Engineering Department welcomes two new men to their midst, Stanley Witek and F. W. Zukowski. Stanley hails from Linwood and Zukowski from Worcester.

The Cost Department reporter, Helen Cotter, has been busy counting pigeons that fly around the Cost Department corridors and she tells of "Three pigeons, one umbrella —Betty Noroian—no casualties." Phil Johnson made a record this month by receiving a 25-year pin. It was presented to him by Mr. J. Hugh Bolton, Mr. Erik Pierson, and Mr. John Cunningham. Bob English received a 15-year pin and Telix Richard a

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart K. White who were married February 14. Mrs. Stuart is the former Renee Proffitt. Renee is employed in the Inspection Office. Stuart works in the Foundry

5-year pin. Ray Bagley, one of our able assistants, left the Cost Department to accept a position with the Raymond F. Murphy Accounting Firm in Woonsocket. One of our former members, Rose Lally Ring, is receiving congratulations on the birth of an eight-pound boy born April 3. Bill Baxter told one on himself—One of those cold nights when the oil burner is acting up . . . you are covered with carbon and the smell of oil . . . your phone rings . . . your best friend has car trouble . . . trip half a mile down road . . . snow, mud, ruts, broken chain . . . finally car not running . . . a lift back home, in bed at 3.15 a.m. . . . at 3.16 a.m. yipping of dog from garage adjoining house . . . pups! Three black, one white . . . it shouldn't happen to a dawg . . . but it did! So Bill tells.

Our deepest sympathy to Telix Richard whose mother, Mrs. Peter Gerard, passed away April 6.

Frank Martin, of the Rate Setters, tells us that Ruth Benton and Jean Cahill have left our office and are awaiting a visit from the stork. We all wish them the best of luck. The welcome sign is out for Eunice Goyette, Connie Hervieux, and Matt Roszko. We know they will soon be one of the gang.

Claire Metivier is reporting for Payroll Computation, Budgets and Statement Departments. A 10-year Service Pin was given to Ruth Kelliher. Pins for 5 years' service were given to Edith Allen, Charles Lutfy, Jr., Emily Quigley, Helen Duggan, Margaret Hanney, and Helen Novack. We wish to extend our welcome to Jean Cousins, Madeleine Cadorette, and Dorothy Garceau who have joined the Payroll Computation staff. Eddie Gendron, formerly working in the Cost Department, is now with Budgets as assistant to the Budget director, John Montgomery. Lorraine Gauthier and Clare McDonald celebrated birthdays on the same date, April 12. We wonder if friend MacLaughlin can be talked into smoking a milder brand of cigars. At times they smell loud!

Tad Wallace and Mossy Murray, Production reporters, inform us that everyone who attended the game between "The Beef Trust" and the W.C.A. girls really had their share of laughs watching such performers as F. O. "Moose" Rizer, Andy "Smith" Magill, Dick "Morley" Cunningham, Jim "Harper" Stone, Jim "Stuz" Kane, and Tad "Bethards" Wallace. Of course, the boys won't admit that eight of them played against five girls—the brutes. Johnny Mercak has left us to play ball down South. Johnny is a good man to have on any team. Best of luck, fellar! Ted Vecchione has left to devote all his time to his taxi business. We will miss him as the check mark in our record book is directly opposite "nice guy." Bill Linkow, one of the Central Planners, recently had what may go on record as the most expensive flat tire in the history of Marlboro. Bill picked up a couple of shingling nails in a tire on his way home after work one night, and the tube in the tire was completely ruined. Bill was in a hurry so he purchased a new tube for $4.50 and proceeded home to Marlboro. On arriving home Bill found the house locked and was forced to squeeze through a small pantry window. On the way through he ripped his trousers! This will cost Bill $12 to $15 to have the trousers rewoven. Bill also missed his supper and had to eat out. He was late for his date and consequently had to purchase a little gift as a peace offering. It might be cheaper to get married, Bill!

RIZER'S BEEF TRUST

From left: Dick Cunningham, Tad Wallace, James Kane, Andy Magill, Jim Stone and F. O. Rizer

We will not be hearing any "crowing" from Andy Magill's "Crows" for quite some time. Big Andy and Dick Cunningham's "Chicks" tangled for the championship and Dick's outfit won by 29 pins. Your reporter was told prior to the match to place a few "chips" on Andy's club, but because Andy himself was the "tipper-offer" we hesitated—wisely, too. This little item came to us in rather an odd way. Your correspondent was talking to "Ticky" Romasco a short time ago and "Ticky" said, "I'm glad that the SPINDLE has gone to press, because I really pulled a beaut this morning. It seems "Ticky" was in the Employment Office attempting to use a phone of which there were three on a desk. "Ticky" was talking into one and he wasn't getting any answer so he said to Eleanor Rainey, "What's wrong with this phone?" Eleanor said, "Nothing except that it is not connected. Can't you see all the wires are wrapped around the phone." "Ticky" placed the phone into the cradle and walked out amid the loud "haw haws" of everyone present.

Hobby – FLYING FOR FUN

It all happened back in the summer of 1935 when Mike Ardesian took his first airplane ride at Castle Hill Field here in Whitinsville. After a short hop over the town, Mike became very interested in flying and could hardly wait to start taking lessons. The following year in July, he took his first lesson at Grafton Airport. Several months later he received his private license to fly passengers.

After revelling in his hobby for about six years, Mike, in October 1942, found more serious use for his knowledge and experience in flying for the U. S. Army. He enlisted in the Air Corps Reserve as a flight instructor in primary flying. The primary stage is, of course, the starting or breaking-in phase. It is in this part of a student's training that anything can happen.

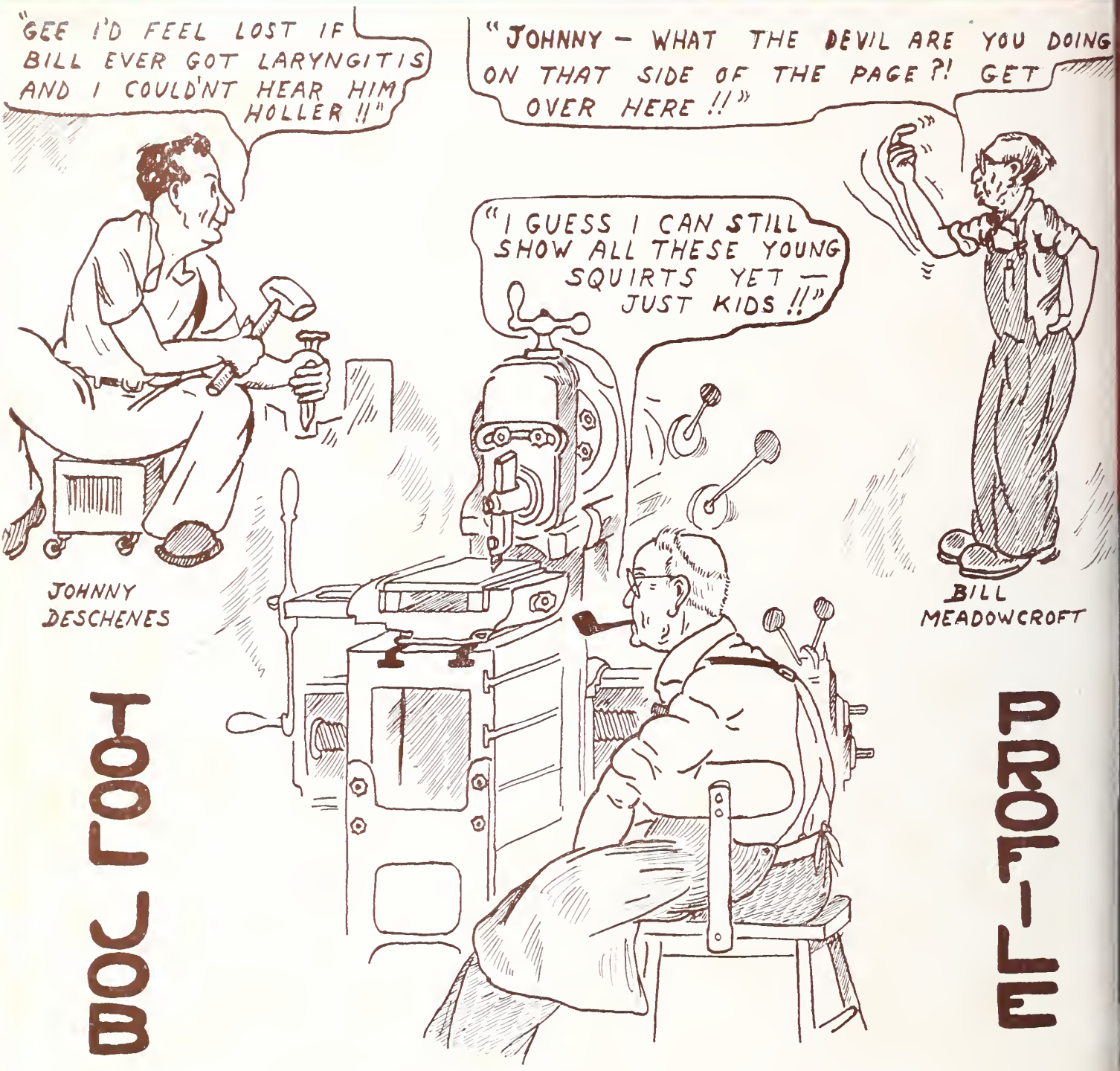
Above: Mike and his brother, Sarkis, ready to take off for a test hop. Sarkis did not fly through the winter months, because he soloed only last summer. Mike went up with him on his first flight this spring to be sure that Sarkis had not lost the feel of flying. The insignia on the plane, the flying eagle, is the handiwork of Joe Machota of the Roll Job

At the left: The four Ardesian brothers, left to right, Sarkis, Bill, Mike, and Andy. Andy worked on the Comber Job before the war. After his discharge from the Army he went to work in his brother Bill's machine shop in Oxford

Mike tells about the day he and a student from Westover Field were flying over a city when suddenly the engine quit cold and the plane went into a spin. Mike grabbed the controls away from the startled and badly frightened student and, after considerable struggling, Mike brought the ship under control. Looking for a place to make an emergency landing he noticed a ball park off in the distance. He eased the ship down and glided in on a wing and a prayer, stopping within scant inches of the grandstand.

Another thrill Mike recalls to mind without too much effort occurred when he came in for a landing in a fast ship. After parking the plane Mike found that one of the landing wheels was almost off. Mike said that if the wheel had come off while the plane was landing, his earthly career would have ended then and there.

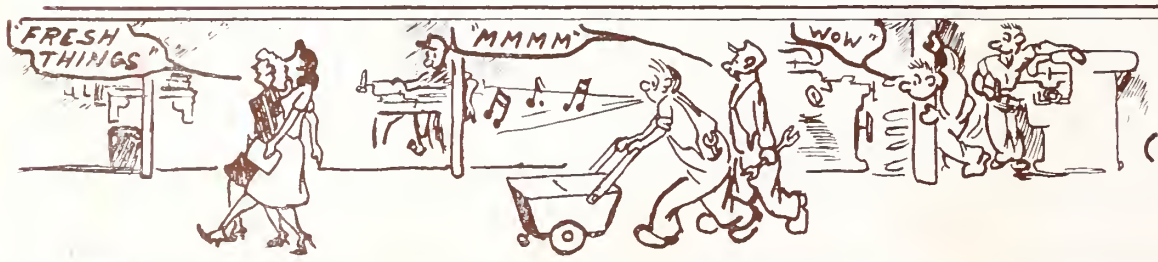
As an instructor Mike was required to teach 36 hours a week, and one would think that in this weekly program he would have encountered enough thrills to last him a lifetime. However, when he returned home in 1944, Mike began giving flying lessons at the Mendon Airport and making passenger hops during week ends. He holds a commercial license and an instructor's license. Mike has taught his three brothers and a nephew to fly. The Ardesian brothers use Herman Youngsma's field in Plummers as their landing field. They hope that this private field which has a runway of about 1500 feet, will some day become a commercial flying field.



ARTHUR HALL

HE HAS MORE YEARS THAN ANY OTHER MAN ON THE TOOL JOB. WHAT HE SAYS UP THERE IS TRUE TOO!! ASK ANYONE ON THE JOB!!

DJ BURROUGHS



PICTURE OF OUR ALLEY (JUST KIDDING OF COURSE)

THE WHITIN Spindle

JUNE 1948

Salutation from Our President

On May 13 Mr. E. Kent Swift, Chairman of our Board of Directors, awarded Forty and Fifty Year Service Pins to the Whitin employees who have now joined this select group and are entitled to these pins.

This group now numbers 199 men, with service records ranging from forty to sixty-eight years. I believe that there are few, if any, companies in the country that can equal this splendid record of workers in the continuous employ of one company for such a long period of time.

Newcomers to the Forty Year group received gold pins set with eight sapphires, and those who completed fifty years of service received gold pins with ten diamonds; each gem representing five years of service. I hope that all of these men will wear these pins with pride as it represents many years of consistently loyal and devoted service over a long span of years.

Congratulations to these Forty and Fifty Year men for their long and faithful attention to duty, and I wish to express the deep gratification of the Company for the long and happy association between the Company and these employees. May this association long continue to prove the lasting benefits which employers and employees alike may secure through understanding, friendship, intelligence, and coöperation.

We newer employees envy them this record, and the example of conscientiousness and stability they have set will be the guiding light for those of us who follow in their footsteps.

Again, congratulations!

J. Hugh Bolton

President

Whitin Senior Employees Honored at Banquet

At the head table, left to right: Erik Pierson, general manager; Sidney R. Mason, secretary; J. Hugh Bolton, president; E. Kent Swift, chairman of the board; Ralph E. Lincoln, vice-president; F. Eugene Banfield, Jr., vice-president; Edward S. Alden, treasurer; Robert G. McKaig, assistant secretary

OLD IN SERVICE YOUNG IN SPIRIT

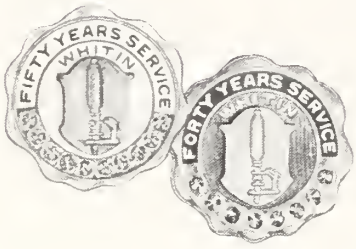
PROMPTLY at 6.30 on the evening of May 13, our banqueters marched into the Cafeteria dining hall to the lively tempo of "Saber and Spurs," a recording played over the public address system. The guests took their places at the gleaming tables and were soon served a delicious dinner in which roast beef was the main course. Throughout the dinner one could hear the glad cries of recognition as old friends caught sight of each other. While the diners were at the festive board, recordings appropriate to the season and to the occasion were played.

At the close of the dinner, Mr. E. Kent Swift, visibly moved, spoke eloquently of the warm bond between the "oldtimers" of the Whitin Machine Works and the Company's Management. Mr. Swift expressed his pride in the men and the Company which made possible such a long and friendly relationship. After reviewing the service records of our oldest employees, Mr. Swift presented Fifty Year Service Pins and Forty Year Service Pins to the employees entitled to such awards and congratulated each one on his admirable record.

When the presentation of Service Pins was concluded, our guests were invited by Mr. Swift to take seats in the West section of the Cafeteria where Mr. P. B. Walker had improvised a theatre, complete with stage and dressing room. Here Mr. Glenn Rowell, our master of ceremonies, took over the program. Glenn Rowell is the personnel director of Veeder-Root, Incorporated, of Hartford, and is better known as Glenn of the radio team "Gene and Glenn" or "Jake and Lena." He sang his song "Where in the World but in America," currently being featured by Fred Waring, who collaborated in the composition. Photographs taken during the performance and published in this issue of the SPINDLE give some idea of the rollicking good time the "Whitin Gay Nineties Revue" afforded the audience. Besides 'erbert (of the vaudeville team of Herbert and Barbara), Bob Molliston is missing from these pages. Bob impersonated a Civil War veteran who creaked a little in the limbs but had surprisingly young ideas. His "line" kept even our staid guests laughing uproariously, and his juggling feats were pretty agile for an "oldtimer."

George Ashton, who was brought down for the occasion from the Odd Fellows Home in Worcester, expressed the sentiments of all when he voted the banquet one of the most memorable events in his life.

Senior Employees of the Whitin Machine Works



Sixty Year Men

Active

JAMES R. FERRY . . . . . August 1879

ALBERT J. BROWN . . . . . February 1883

EDWARD L. BROWN . . . . . March 1884

JEREMIAH HAGGERTY . . . . . May 1884

W. E. BOOTH . . . . . January 1888

Retired

DENNIS MACK . . . . . July 1881 to September 15, 1945

Four of our Sixty Year men are shown with Mr. Bolton and Mr. Swift. Left to right, they are: Edward L. Brown, Dennis Mack, Mr. Bolton, Mr. Swift, James R. Ferry, and W. Ernest Booth

Fifty Year Men

Edward Drohan is being congratulated by Mr. Swift upon joining the ranks of the Fifty Year Men and receiving the Fifty Year Service Pin

Active

Alexander Brown	January 1890
Joseph M. Bouvier	December 1890
Jacob Feddema	May 1892
Jacob Deranian	October 1892
Henry Graves	March 1893
Robert Magill	March 1893
Thomas Fitzpatrick	April 1893
Richard Hyland	July 1893
Frank Roy	October 1893
William Montgomery	June 1894
George Ferry	April 1895
William McNaul	June 1895
Henry Todd	July 1895
Lawrence J. Ramsey	August 1895
Rein Workman	September 1895
Arthur Hall	October 1895
Earl H. Hanny	October 1895
Edward Driscoll	December 1895
George Hanna	January 1896
William Sherry	March 1896
Henry H. Ward	April 1896
Oliver Bonoyer	June 1897
William McNeil	1898
William Deane	March 1898
Robert C. Drohan	June 1898
Levi Rasco	June 1898

Retired

Dennis Burke	January 1895 to January 10, 1945
John F. Carroll	January 1883 to April 1, 1941
Thomas F. Carroll	June 1889 to December 20, 1946
Thomas Crompton	June 1889 to January 5, 1945
Neil Currie	September 1888 to July 20, 1940
Henry Dalton	July 1896 to September 1947
David Deranian	May 1889 to February 15, 1945
Klaus Dufries	March 1892 to September 1, 1944
Richard M. Ferguson	June 1895 to February 1, 1947
Peter Goodhue	November 1887 to January 28, 1941
Henry Gorman	June 1885 to August 30, 1941
Albert Hewitt	June 1892 to April 1, 1944
Christopher Kane	June 1890 to May 3, 1946
James Keirnan	June 1897 to May 29, 1947
Andrew Lajoie	February 18, 1897 to April 29, 1947
William McSheehy	June 1877 to March 15, 1930
James Murphy	July 1889 to December 16, 1946
William J. Rankine	May 1880 to December 31, 1936
William J. Walker	October 1891 to January 1, 1944
John T. Wild	October 1889 to October 1944
Dexter S. Wood	October 1891 to January 2, 1946

Three officers of the Company are proud to be Forty Year Men. They are: Ralph E. Lincoln, Vice-President and Purchasing Agent; E. Kent Swift, Chairman of the Board; and Robert G. McKaig, Assistant-Secretary

Forty Year Men

Active

Robert K. Marshall	December 1898
Peter Baker	January 1899
Ira M. Anthony	April 1899
Andrew Cahill	April 1899
John Leech	May 8, 1899
Andrew Baird	June 1899
Hovagin Nigohosian	July 1899
Joseph Rasco	July 1899
John Spencer	August 1899
George Broadhurst	September 1899
Martin Gahan	September 1899
Thomas O'Connell	September 1899
Albert C. Kidd	October 1899
Samuel Finney	February 1900
Frank Karoty	April 1900
James F. Marshall	April 1900
Adolph Roy	April 1900
Stephen Machoian	May 7, 1900
Fred Bousquet	May 1900
George A. Forsythe	June 1900
Thomas Wallace	June 1900
Dellar Bailey	July 1900
Simeon Bourdon	August 1900
E. Kent Swift	September 1900
John Vanderbaan	November 1900
Henry Ebbeling	May 1901
Arthur VanDyke	May 1901
Thomas P. Dunn	June 1901
William J. Forsythe	June 1901
Ernest A. Guyette	June 1901
Edward Letourneau	June 1901
Simon Chiras	July 1901
Ralph E. Lincoln	July 1901
John Shaw	September 1901
Arthur St. Andre	November 1901
Ernest Keyes	December 1901
Napoleon Turgeon	May 1902
R. I. Dalton	June 1902
Mesak Mantashigian	June 1902
Oscar Martin	July 1902
E. A. Rooney	July 1902
James B. Finney	September 1902

William V. Ledue	December 1902
John Blaine	February 1903
John Pichette	February 1903
Broer DeVries	March 1903
Frank Fessenden	March 1903
William Ward	June 1903
W. Winford Jones	August 1903
John Wasiuk	August 1903
Joseph Baillargeon	June 1904
Titus Cooper	June 1904
Patrick Duggan	June 1904
James Forsythe	June 1904
Esten D. Lermond	November 1904
William Walsh	November 1904
Albert Montgomery	January 1905
Arthur Prince	January 1905
Arthur Baillargeon	March 1905
Louis Laflamme	April 1905
Andrew Buwalda	June 1905
Stephen Chiras	June 1905
Joseph C. Dumais	June 1905
Joseph Hinchcliffe	June 1905
Arsan Ovian	July 1905
John Vanderzee	July 1905
Herman Zylstra	July 1905
Joseph Bassett	September 1905
David Blakely	September 1905
Harold W. Oakes	September 1905
Solomon Ovian	October 1905
Joseph V. Courteau	November 1905
Gerben Oppewall	November 1905
Louis Veau	November 1905
Robert Blakely	January 1906
William F. Hewes	February 1906
Andrew Trasavage	February 1906
Harry G. Simmons	March 1906
Lucien Blouin	April 1906
Albert Buma	April 1906
Louis Chabot	April 1906
Alfred Gauthier	April 1906
Harry Hamparsian	April 1906
Peter Ledoux	April 1906
Hertsen Vanderbrug	May 1906
Hugh Brown	June 1906
Fabian Corron	June 1906
Housep Hagopian	June 1906
Nazaire Laferriere	June 1906
Sipka Oppewall	June 1906
Paul F. Wheeler	June 1906
Hagop Hoogoian	July 1906
James P. Kane	July 1906
Samuel Cleland	August 1906
John Moscofian	August 1906
Harry B. Stuart	August 1906
Adolph Morin	September 1906
James Krull	October 1906
Oliver H. Copeland	November 1906
Robert L. Metcalf	November 1906
Thomas G. Hamilton	December 1906
A. W. Bowley	1906
Felix W. Herbin	1906
Napoleon Millette	1906
Ignas Witek	March 1907
Mark Haroutunian	April 1907
Eugene Tatro	April 1907
George Ferguson	May 1907
Arthur Jackman	June 1907
Arthur Marshall	June 1907
Robert G. McKaig	June 1907
Arthur G. Clark	September 1907
John L. Sullivan	September 1907
Chester R. Greenwood	January 1908
Simon Wolock	January 1908
Willis Winchenback	February 1908
Robert Clark, Jr.	June 1908
Alfred Deslauriers	June 1908
Peter A. Michalik	June 1908
John Howard	August 1908

Retired

George Ashton	October 1902 to February 1942
Louis E. Blanchette	January 2, 1900 to August 22, 1942
John Branigan	June 1905 to March 30, 1945
Homer Brouilette	August 1897 to September 1944
H. H. Bullock	August 1902 to November 1944
Robert Clark	July 1895 to February 1941
Homer Flinton	May 1898 to September 1945
John Heys	October 1899 to 1944
W. J. Kearnan	June 1895 to July 1939
Timothy Kennedy	June 1891 to June 1938
Jacob Kooistra	October 1899 to April 1941
Albertus Lafleur	December 1895 to March 29, 1945
James Leitch	October 1898 to January 1, 1947
Samuel McKee	January 1906 to June 29, 1945
Fred Matthewman	July 1896 to October 1, 1944
Artie M. Meader	October 1895 to January 1942
Charles Newton	June 1896 to January 1945
Timothy G. Nutter	October 1900 to 1943
Bouwe Postma	July 1903 to October 31, 1945
A. F. Randles	June 1895 to June 28, 1940
Ludger J. Roy	October 1891 to June 29, 1940
David Savage	July 1895 to October 29, 1943
Ernest C. Smith	August 1903 to 1945
Charles S. Snow	July 1891 to January 1, 1940
Jacob Travaille	May 1896 to March 1, 1939

THE WHITIN
GAY NINETIES REVUE

Hal Kolb is the pianist and organist in Radio Station WTIC in Hartford. He is a fine artist who supplied the musical background for our program

The Linen Dusters singing the old songs in Barber Shop harmony. We hoped for "Come Josephine in My Flying Machine" but only James Ferry could remember that far back

Our Master of Ceremonies, Glen Rowell, is shown here modelling a turban which he recommends for operators with long tresses

Prince Mendes, the popular star of Irving Berlin's "This Is the Army," is not only an extraordinarily dextrous magician but is also a hilariously entertaining ventriloquist. He drafted Frank Stone as his "Charlie McCarthy" and literally rocked the audience with laughter at the things he had our Personnel Director say. Mr. Stone was "rocked" a little himself

This is Barbara of "Herbert and Barbara," an old-time vaudeville team. Herbert got so wound up in polka-dot panties and kilts that his photograph showed only a vast landscape walking around in gartered legs. Barbara, more photogenic, is singing "All of Me" or some such ditty

This shows Prince Mendes with Frank Stone before he was charming snakes out of a basket, playing "Charlie McCarthy" and performing similar chores for "His Highness." Prince Mendes has entertained (without Frank Stone's assistance) King George V, Lady Louis Mountbatten, General Dwight Eisenhower, and many other notable personages

"In Honor of 199 Whitin Men Each With Over 40 Years' Service Totalling 9,360 Years"

THUS was the memorable legend spelled in letters of silver on a banner of blue displayed at the banquet for our senior Whitin employees. How appropriate that this occasion should be heralded by silver, the symbol of time, and blue, the symbol of the constant and upright heart! How fitting that the men assembled under that banner should be honored and extolled!

Perhaps this special remembrance of so many years of life and toil might arouse thoughts to mock as trifling, the labors which we endeavored to laud and the lives we sought to praise. These senior employees of the Company had not accomplished great things, as the world measures greatness, and no hectic headlines or frenzied radio pronouncements brought them public acclaim. Yet, we esteemed them highly and in quiet dignity we honored them as "along the cool sequester'd vale of life they kept the noiseless tenour of their way."

We honored our veteran Whitin men for the many years which they have dedicated to the loyal service of the Company. They found their niche in the Whitin enterprise and have contributed their best to the common endeavor. They have viewed their labors, not as a primeval penance or as a burdensome hardship, but as an opportunity to develop and use their natural talents and gifts, as a means of satisfying the yearning for personal accomplishment, as an avenue towards securing material blessings for themselves and for those whom they held dear. They have looked for the best in their neighbors and fellow workers and have given them the best they had. They have been honest and trusted, responsible and respected, and they have had a good sense of real values. They have smiled indulgently at those who offered them panaceas for all of mankind's afflictions, for they have known that hardship, sickness, and suffering are inseparable conditions of life. With confident faith and fortitude they have met the pain and sorrow life had in store for them and, with cheering word and open hand, they have striven to mitigate and soften the trials of others. As the years passed in quickening succession, our veterans may have diminished in physical vigor, but their wisdom and worth remain unabated. Can these many virtues be deemed insignificant when they have the promise of favor from Heaven itself! We have done well to anticipate Divine approbation of these men and to render to them our full meed of praise.

The long and devoted service of these Whitin seniors has reflected honor also on the Company and has given great satisfaction and joy to the Company's Management, especially to Mr. E. Kent Swift, Chairman of the Board, who, himself, has served the Company for nearly forty-eight years. The Management believes that such long and loyal service was made possible because of the friendliness and understanding that has existed between the Company and its employees. The Company has always been aware of the responsibilities of its stewardship and has fulfilled its duties well. The Company has developed its products, has broadened its markets to embrace the globe, and has constantly enlarged and improved its plant, giving gainful employment to more and more people. Around the shop has been built the beautiful village of Whitinsville, a community of splendid churches and serene, happy homes. Much that contributes to comfortable and healthful living in Whitinsville and in nearby communities is the result of the Company's concern for its employees and their continuing welfare. The Socialists and their more militant counterparts, the Communists, with their insistence on a "Community of Goods" have never built any Whitinsvilles. But, the Management and employees of the Whitin Machine Works have established this community of souls as a monument to their good will, friendliness, understanding, individual merit, and coöperative enterprise.

We thank God for the many favors He has bestowed upon our senior employees, and pray that He will bless them with good health, long life, and enduring happiness. May these venerable employees be exemplars to the workers of the newer generations and continue to inspire the Management and its employees to go hand in hand into an even better and brighter future.

FRANK N. STONE,
Personnel Director

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WHAT'S COOKIN'?

We have received several requests from the ladies to publish a recipe column in the SPINDLE. We will be glad to coöperate. However, instead of printing recipes which can be found in any cookbook, magazine or newspaper, we should like to publish your own discoveries in the culinary art. If your families or clans don't object, you might divulge that special recipe which was handed down from grandma's grandma. Full credit will be given to the originator of each delectable recipe.

It has been suggested, also, that we publish a column of "Household Hints." The average housewife uses a great deal of ingenuity in making her tasks easier and in improving her home. The ladies in our Shop can help each other by exchanging ideas through our columns. One of the men to whom this suggestion was made, scoffed: "I run things at my house." Even though we know he refers to the washing machine, the vacuum cleaner and the furnace, we shall nevertheless welcome his "Household Hints."

FRONT COVER: James R. Ferry, the oldest employee of the Whitin Machine Works, has actively served the Company since August, 1879, or almost sixty-nine years. He is shown with Mr. J. Hugh Bolton, President, and Mr. E. Kent Swift, Chairman of the Board.

BACK COVER: The Battle Axe Twins—Plugs vs. Live Bait, by Leon H. Horner, formerly a draftsman at Whitin.

GEAR JOB

by Jennie Ozog

To the surprise and curiosity of the entire job, George Holt's 100 per cent attendance record was broken one Monday afternoon when he failed to report to work. When George did report the next morning, Jimmy Menard became quite curious as he saw people shaking hands with George. The handshaking went on for the entire day. Jim finally could not contain himself and asked George, what was the big event. George replied with great enthusiasm, "I just received my 1948 (emphasis on the 1948) Chevrolet." You see George had been practicing this announcement since 1946. In concluding this little episode, we wish to congratulate George on the new arrival.

Roland J. Dion is recuperating at his home after a minor operation performed at the Cushing General Hospital. In his absence, peace has fallen over the department. Hurry and get well, Roland, we need those sharp jokes and can't bear the unusually quiet atmosphere.

One morning, as he opened his lunch bag, there was a very dismayed look on Raymond Gjeltema's face. Instead of a tasty lunch, he found his mother's knitting. Ray didn't feel hungry enough to down this. We don't think he'll let this happen again.

Mary Asadoorian came out of the Worcester Suburban Electric Office the other day with a very puzzled look on her face. She could not understand why the clerk would not accept payment of her *gas* bill.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thompson, 55 Border Street, celebrated their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary, May 2. Many guests were present, among whom were two of Mrs. Thompson's school chums from Lancashire, England.

COTTON MILL

by Louise Sohigian

Florence Tebeau is creating quite a sensation around the mill with her home-cooked chocolate cakes. Francis Mateer is not quite so sure about Florence's baking since he bit into a cake containing a staple.

Larry Volpe, Jr., is always talking about getting married, but has no prospects. All the girls are afraid of an undertaker.

On May 17, Department 451 held a shower for Theresa Murphy at the home of Mrs. Gladys Hickey, who served as hostess. Theresa was presented with an electric mixer among many other gifts. One of the games required the ladies to draw, in complete darkness, a picture of a man. This kind of artistic endeavor resulted in some astonishing pictures. Everyone present voted the party a success.

Production has increased since "Arsh" has her pin-up boy's picture on her bench. He is all right, "Arsh," and don't let them kid you.

RING JOB

by Ted Bisson

Chet Clark, one of our old timers, recently suffered a shock. We're all hoping for his speedy recovery.

On May 16, Stella Burns and Gracie Frieswyck went fishing in Blackstone. Gracie had very good luck and brought home a seventeen-inch pickerel. She may have caught the pickerel but it looked "store boughten" to us.

The bowling teams have all agreed that Sid Frieswyck should be dubbed, "Ice Cream." At the Bowling Banquet, he not only had a full course meal but sat down afterwards to ten dishes of ice cream! He must really love the stuff!

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SOUTHERN SERVICE MEN VISIT HOME PLANT

Mr. David Lyerly and Mr. P. M. Willingham of Charlotte, when visiting the Shop recently, called at Carl Brandt's Experimental Room to inspect a yarn reel. Left to right: Cecil Pendleton, Carl Brandt, David Lyerly, Otto Schlums, and P. M. Willingham

Appointed Director

Murray Whitin Keeler

Murray Whitin Keeler, of our Cotton and Spun Rayon Sales Division, was elected a director of the corporation at the annual meeting in March.

Murray has served nineteen years with us in various capacities, having started with us at the completion of his schooling. Following an extensive training course in our plant, he set up and serviced Whitin machinery in the mills. Prior to the war, he was assigned as a service man in the Atlanta territory.

In addition to an interest in sailing, he is an enthusiastic pilot and covers, in his plane, much of the sales territory assigned to him extending from Virginia to Canada.

JIM DAVIS RETIRES

Mr. and Mrs. James Davis

When he walked into the Whitin Cafeteria on the evening of May 12, there was not a more surprised man than Jim Davis. More than 100 of his friends had gathered together to wish him well on his recent retirement from the Shop. After the gathering partook of a chicken-pie dinner, his friends presented Jim with a purse of money. Entertainment for the evening was provided by "Peanuts" Johnson's Soap Savers.

For the past twenty years Jim worked on maintenance for Mr. P. B. Walker. Previously, he worked many years for the late Chester Lasell at the Oakhurst Farm and on the Oakhurst estate. He also was employed for several years as a chauffeur for the late Dr. Balcom.

We all wish Jim the best of health and happiness in his retirement.

1948 Schedule — WHITIN'S BASEBALL CLUB

Games at Home		*Games Away*	
June 11	South Grafton	June 6	Hopedale
16	Marquettes	8	Milford
18	Hopedale	13	Uxbridge
20	Rockdale	23	South Grafton
25	Uxbridge	27	Milford
July 2	Marquettes	30	Rockdale
5	Douglas	July 4	Douglas
11	South Grafton	8	Hopedale
16	Rockdale	20	Milford
18	Marquettes	25	South Grafton
28	Uxbridge	30	Blackstone
Aug. 4	South Grafton	Aug. 1	Rockdale
6	Douglas	11	Uxbridge
8	Hopedale	18	Rockdale
13	Hopedale	19	Douglas
15	Milford	22	Blackstone
25	Milford		
29	Uxbridge		

DAD *will remember* WHEN . .

JUNE, 1923

The members of the Foundry, and fellow boarders at the Blue Eagle Inn are kept busy wondering why the furniture dealers are so interested in Edward Jennings. The suspense is getting too much for their curiosity and they think it is time Ed explained.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Hanny on the fifteenth of June. Mr. Hanny is a member of the Pay Roll Department.

On Saturday, June 9, Merwin Brown, time clerk on the Bolster Job, was married to Miss Edith Salmond of Hopedale. The bridegroom's sister, Miss Elaine Brown, was one of the bridesmaids, and Raymond Adams was best man. Henry Bouvier, also of the Bolster Job, was one of the ushers. Mr. Brown and Mr. Adams are members of the famous Adams' and Brown Orchestra which has built up an enviable reputation in the Blackstone Valley.

A turtle soup supper was served at Weona Cottage, Saturday evening, June 2. Della Duhamel had charge of the affair. We understand that Ed Jennings doesn't care for turtle soup.

Pete Nash, our first string pitcher, was given quite an ovation when he blossomed out in one of those pineapple hair-cuts.

Arthur Jackman, commander, and William Donlon, vice-commander of Jeffrey L. Vail Post, A.L., together with Raymond Meader of the Production Department, spent the day of June 13 inspecting the steamship *Leviathan*, lying in a South Boston dock. In the evening they went to the Boston Arena and satisfied their pugnacious instincts by witnessing a snappy semi-final knockout, and a final ten rounds of fast fighting.

In the baseball game Saturday, June 2, with the American Optical Company, it is reported that we used up five pitchers. The fans want to know why they didn't warm up Henry Crawford and Walter Graham.

BASEBALL—40 YEARS AGO

This is a photograph of two teams that played an exhibition ball game in the spring of 1908 for the purpose of raising funds for the Baseball Association. The directors comprised one team and some of our old time ball players the other team. Front row, left to right: Bill Kelley, Mort Carr, Dan Duggan, Tim Kennedy, Cliff Kelley, Mascot, Henry Owen, William J. Walker. Second row, left to right: Jack McCarthy, Patsy Baldwin, Dennis Cronin, Tom Gorman, Frank Coes, Newell Wood, Dennis Mack, Daniel C. Duggan, William Fullerton. Third row, left to right: Pat McGinnis, Geo. B. Hamblin, John Gunn, Geo. Hanna, Tom Monroe, Tug Blanchard, Steve Durrell, Billy Love, Sam Boyd, Bob Britton, Arba Noyes, and Ben Brines

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FREIGHT HOUSE

by J. Harold Baszner

Helen O'Brien recently received a lovely birthday card from her friend Betty McCudden. The sentiment was very fine and Helen appreciated it very much, even though Betty omitted to affix a postage stamp to her missive. The omission, of course, has nothing to do with Betty's being of Scotch extraction and Betty will in all probability inspect future envelopes before mailing.

Mrs. Columbia "Mickey" Brennan received quite a surprise package recently. It contained: 1 large birthday candle, 1 pair of baby's shoes, 1 toy car, 1 pair knitted booties, and 1 rattle. What occasion brought about that assortment of gifts, "Mickey"?

A "WALKIE-TALKIE" HAS BEEN REQUISITIONED BY THE PACKING JOB CONNECTING JAMES "KLONDIKE" RICE WITH THE WAREHOUSE

BOLT & PLANER DEPTS.

by Ray Woodcome

Sudy Asadoorian has purchased a new Ford Sportsman. He and Earl Briggs are patroling all the neighboring towns, especially Uxbridge. We don't know how any girl can pass up a ride in a job like that.

The machine that Oscar Martin operated has been sent out and rebuilt. The Fitchburg Company says the machine is 100 per cent now. Oscar should break all records.

Fred Siepietowski has a broken thumb. His softball team certainly misses him at first base.

Jim Capaldo is back to work again after being out a month. Jim had a bone fragment removed from his elbow. His condition resulted from his war service.

Ben Tjaarda, Foreman of 412, celebrated his fourteenth wedding anniversary on May 19.

Birthday wishes this month go to Helen Laythe of 412; the date was May 30.

THE YARD & OUTSIDE CREWS

by Bill Scanlon

One day a fellow drove up to the gas station and said: "Hurry up I'm going places; give me *two* gallons of gas." Mr. Lester Simmons said, "Going over the Mohawk Trail, boy?"

Alex St. Germain hit himself on the leg with a sledge hammer. The following day he dropped a big stone on his toe. He is wondering what will happen next.

The boys from Charlie Commons' outfit will miss Jerry Lamontagne and his big smile. Good luck on your new job at the Storehouse.

"Sparerib" McManus and Mat Prymac are doing the "tonsorial" work at Vail Field. We look forward to great improvements.

If there are vitamins in oranges, Archie Bolivar and Hagan ought to be in the pink. Their ice customers are very generous with the fruit.

George Bourassa, a helper in the Garage, can be heard singing any Friday night at the Polish Club in Blackstone.

"Ripper" O'Brien says, "Won't be long now, 'Chicken' Deane has just bought the ring!"

If McNelly catches all the fish he claims to his credit, Sally Jones will have to take a back seat.

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OFFICE NEWS

by Dorothy Webster

The Production Department Bowling League Banquet was a howling success. (If you have heard "Roger" sing then you would know why.) The gang dined at The Barn located in Millville, Mass. Andy Magill was toastmaster and he had a unique way of awarding the prizes. Andy's use of verse was really something to hear. Dick Cunningham took home most of the laurels, much to Andy's regret. The juke box supplied music by some of the best bands in the country and everyone danced until "Bill" took over as master of ceremonies. Lester Dermody led the sextet of sextets in the revival of some of our old favorites, and was followed by duets by Bill and Joanie. Specialties were given by Dottie Manter and Roger Yeaton.

If you happen to attend a banquet and notice "Gummy" on hand, be sure your hat is where he cannot reach it. We saw him the other night at the Men's League affair and he had one hat in each hand, trying to make up his mind as to which hat suited him better. So, hold on to your hat!

The Production Department will miss "Mal" Bowes, one of the consultants with the Wallace Clark Co. He has been given another assignment and will no longer be a regular visitor in Whitinsville. "Mal" won himself a host of friends here in the shop, and we all wish him the very best of luck in his new work. We extend our best wishes for a bright future also to J. M. Coughlin, former Central Planner for 409, 420, 426. John terminated his employment here May 14 to accept a position as auditor for the School Department in the City of Worcester. "The Major," as John was called by his friends, will be missed both for his willingness to give a hand when needed and also for his wit.

Someone once said that if you associate with someone long enough you'll acquire certain of his characteristics. That there is some truth in the saying can be verified by looking over toward the Repair Division of the Production Office. We see "Gummy" there, and next to him, "Pucker" Kane who has acquired "Gummy's" knack of "chasing" and is even rumored to be taking up umpiring! "Gummy" says "umping" today is child's play compared with the "profession" in his day. Soon "Pucker" will be running around echoing "Gummy's" "What a gang!"

The Stock Room has three ardent disciples of Izaak Walton, in Necco Brown, Leo Roy and John Mahoney. Necco and Leo go fishing solely to fish, but "Donno" apparently likes to combine a little swimming with his fishing trips. At any rate, a couple of weeks ago, Leo Roy told me that he was about fifty feet away from John when he heard cries for help. Leo hurried over to the spot and found John lying in about eight inches of water hollering, "Help!!" John said he slipped (a likely story). John was worried chiefly about the fact that he was wearing his son's new jacket. I am told that since the "theater" has opened in Mendon, this trio now does most of its fishing at Lake Nipmuc. Quite convenient, we'd say.

Miss Belle Thibault, of the Supply Room, passed her driving test successfully. She says it took her five minutes. (But, oh the hours of practice!)

Mr. Thomas G. Hamilton has just received his Forty Year Service Pin. Nice going, Tom.

John Connors is strutting around proudly displaying his Thirty Year Service Pin.

Miss Lorraine Beauregard claims the windshield on the (bug) Crosley is just as hard as on other cars. She qualifies as an expert on Crosleys, at least, because she kissed the windshield of the car the other night when she bounced the Crosley off the rear of another auto.

Pete Charette, our Motorcycle King, journeyed to Dover, N. H., to take part in the cycle races only to find the track flooded. They promptly scheduled boat races instead.

Miss Helen Cotter, of the Cost Department, reports that this month brings news of the recent transfer of Raymond Tebeau from the Cost Department to the Specification Department. Ray was a faithful follower of Mold and Core costs for years. He leaves a host of friends who will remember him particularly for his dry wit and keen sense of humor. Our best wishes go with you in your new work, Ray.

Hop-a-long Cassidy had a horse to get him around. Our Roscoe Knight has a taxi that takes him from his home to his work. Reasons? A bad foot—ruptured blood vessel—a king-size toothache—etc. We are happy to report that he is slowly on the mend and we are relieved to know that he will be a new man soon.

With the softball season now in full swing, a human interest story pops up. Bob "Cataracts-in-Both-Eyes" English was umpiring behind the plate in a recent game when a foul tip from the bat of Fred "Boo" Tattersall hit our alleged umpire a glancing blow on the chest. While Bob was rubbing his right side trying to shake off the effects of the blow, Fred asked, "That hurt your heart?" "The heart is on the left side," retorted Bob. "But not on an umpire," was the quick reply.

We welcome to our department Bob Bodio of Milford. He formerly worked for Flagg, Brackett and Durgin of Boston. We hope he likes us.

We welcome to the Master List Department Alice Damarjian, who is running the Multilith Machine.

Jim Henderson and Edward Desjourdy are ardent fishermen and, according to the reports of their catches, they do quite well. We have private information that Eddie takes his little daughter with him and that *she* catches all the *big ones* which Daddy so proudly displays.

Beatrice Fior attended the circus in Boston on May 14. We mention this because, Beatrice, a native of Hawaii, had never before seen a circus. Her comment: "It was just wonderful!"

The WMW Office Softball Team ought to go places since Tippie O'Neil, a former diamond star, joined their ranks.

A party from the Master List Department journeyed over to Abner Wheeler's the eve-

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SWING YOUR PARTNER

At the Production Department Dance, held at the Pastime Club, East Douglas, Jack Gilchrist and Simone LaBrecque swing it in a Virginia Reel. On the left: Tad Wallace, Joe Roche, Danny Brennan. On the right: Gert Brennan, Rita Coporale, Ann Roche, Muriel Romasco, and Mary Wallace

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ning of April 29 and had a most delicious meal and a most enjoyable evening.

Standing Room Only! With the addition of new help in our Department, we have had an acute chair shortage. Some had to take turns standing when one of the boys thought of borrowing a chair or two, everybody was happy again.

Ernest Parker tells us that Jimmy Marshall insists "Sally" Jones will not get first prize in Plot "P" even though he has three helpers among whom is the gardener himself.

Mr. and Mrs. Arad Malkasian attended a reunion of the 89th Battalion Navy Vets in New York City on April 23. Wives and girl friends were included. Our Rose reports a grand time in the "Big Town."

Flora Frieswyck of the Drafting Room reports that they have two new employees as Tracers. Welcome to Janet Noble and Claire O'Connell.

Frank Martin of the Methods Department reports that the Wage Standards Club held a steak supper on April 29. Everyone enjoyed the steak and the "bull session" which followed the dinner. On June 18, the Club will go to Boston to see a night game between the Braves and Cincinnati.

WE WERE THERE

Beverly Ann, daughter of John Romasco, was the flower girl at her cousin's wedding in May. Paul Damore, her escort with the big smile, was the ring bearer

ROVING SMALL PARTS

by Betty McCudden

Welcome back, Bernard Ferro, old timer of Department 427.

Fabian Corron of 427A recently received his Forty Year Service Pin. Congratulations!

Mary Hugley, the great baseball fan of the job, traveled for two and one-half hours by bus to Boston to see her famed Red Sox play. Game called because of rain!! So much expense to see it rain in Boston!

Keeping her promise, Anne Robertson of Keyes' Job, gives a big kiss to George Wheeler upon his becoming a father

BOLSTER JOB

by Bizar Hagopian

We're glad to see Louis Vincent, rigger on the Fay lathes, back on the job. Louis, who had been ill for more than two months, lost over twenty-eight pounds during his illness and is still a little weak. We hope he will soon regain his strength fully.

Last year while Leo Bouley was on his vacation at his uncle's in Gaspé, Canada, he did plenty of fishing and caught over 500 cod which he dried. When Leo prepared to go home, he loaded his car with fish. There were fish in the trunk of the car, under the front seat, on the running boards and in every nook and cranny he could find, but only sixty dried cod could book passage for the homeward trip. It happened to be a pretty hot day when Leo and his fish set out for Whitinsville. The fish gave out a strong, noble smell which Leo began to appreciate after the first fifty miles.

The other day Mike Swisesz, who is a great fishing enthusiast, was reading a pamphlet about the good fishing up in Gaspé and about the dried cod. When he asked Leo if he had seen any dried cod while in Canada, Leo exclaimed, "Seen them? Brother I lived with them, 500 strong—and I mean, smell!"

Two couples who celebrated their silver wedding anniversaries are: Mr. and Mrs. Dona Perron and Mr. and Mrs. John Gjeltema.

The Perrons, who have three children, celebrated on the 28th of April.

Both John and Dona work on the night shift, John is the night boss.

Our sincere congratulations and best wishes to the two couples.

PICKERS AND ROVING

by Sidney Miedema

The folks of this department wish Vart Varteresian success in his new venture. He has gone to the National School of Meat Cutting in Toledo, Ohio. At today's meat prices, Vart should be able to make both ends meet.

We were happy to see our two WMW veterans, Sam Finney, with 46 years of service, and Buck Gauthier, with 42 years of service, attending the WMW Banquet in honor of the employees with long service records.

Department 447 welcomes four new employees: Ernest Vandal, Jack H. Siriskey, Robert Romasco, and William Bell.

Jack A. Rauth received his new car and Phil Holmes is pleased to know that he can now get to the ball games in style.

George Cobb is ready to move into his new home. Good luck, George!

Crib 20 is proud to say Ruth Langford is now working with them. Good luck, Ruth!

Pete Gauvin it seems does not need any more wedding invitations. He has had enough this month. "How does he rate?" says Henry Smith.

ROLL JOB

by Harold O'Connell

Lost, a small brown and white toy Pekinese dog, nine months old. Will the finder please notify Basil Konvent, 926 Providence Road, Whitinsville, who offers a five-dollar reward.

John Stavinski and wife, Stella, were leaving the plant by the Douglas Road gate re-

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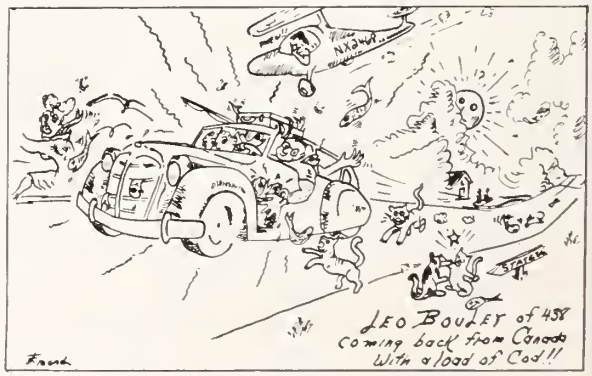

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cently when Stella noticed a flower vendor selling beautiful roses. Stella said, "Oh, honey, buy me a bunch." John said, "Why certainly, honey, take two bunches." Whereupon John reached into his pocket half-way, stopped short and said, "Gee, honey, all I have is a ten-dollar bill." Stella said, "That's all right, John, I'll pay for them." Shame on you, John, working that ten-dollar racket on your wife.

Robert Cameron, who has been ill at his home on Maple Street the past six months, was presented with a bouquet of flowers and a purse by his co-workers. Harold O'Connell presented the purse and Cesag Onanian, the bouquet of flowers. Ed Driscoll and Chester Flinton accompanied Harold and Cesag to Bob's bedside. All of us wish Bob a speedy recovery.

Henry Gagne came home one night recently from a stag party. The hour was late—very late. The next day, Sunday, Henry's wife called him to get ready for church services. She received no response from Henry and went to church alone. Henry woke up about a half hour later. Knowing he was in the dog house, Henry said to himself "I'll cook the chicken for the wife, and fix the dinner." So-o-o-o, Henry put the chicken in the oven and sat on a parlor chair to read the Sunday paper. While reading, Henry went to sleep—for how long he doesn't know. He was awakened by the strong smell of something burning. He rushed into the kitchen, opened the oven door, and—you guessed it—the chicken was burned to a crisp. What made matters worse—Henry forgot to clean the chicken. Has anyone a second-hand dog house for sale?

COMBER JOB

by Hector Chase

Mr. Michael Zylstra celebrated his sixtieth birthday on June 1. A surprise party was given in his honor at Abner Wheeler's in Framingham. Mike says he is lucky in having survived his infancy. In Mike's childhood, his eldest brother acted as his baby sitter. His brother was so fond of playing ball that he tried continuously to get Mike off his hands by pushing him into a canal. But what's a canal to a Hollander! The important thing is that Mike is with us to receive our best wishes for many years of good health and happiness.

Take notice—there will be a collection taken up shortly to buy Jimmy Scott a crying towel. Jimmy plays for the Green Lantern Softball Team and after every game he comes in crying, "We were robbed." The poor umpire is always blamed for the Green Lantern team's losing the game. Maybe it's a good catcher you need, Jimmy.

Ida Barnett is feeling low these days. Ida is a royal rooter of the Red Sox and the Sox couldn't even buy a game if one were for sale. But cheer up, Ida, the season is still young.

Dressed in her finest feathers, Vicki Machoian poses for the photographer. She is the granddaughter of Stephen Machoian of the Comber Job

SPINNING DEPARTMENT

by Francis J. Horan

In the future the song "South America Take It Away" will mean something to Mike Minarik. Mike is headed there to set up machinery.

Our corner has been very quiet the past few weeks during the absence of "Dillinger" who is convaleseing after an operation at the Memorial Hospital. He has lost enough weight to enable him to wear his soldier's uniform without the use of his customary girdle. His sister, Louise, has returned to work after a siege of neuritis.

Bob Couture and Bern Kelliher are also on the convalescent list.

Harriet VanDyke, of Kizar's division, is a patient at Memorial Hospital.

Red DeYoung had a little traffic trouble at the Fire Station a few days ago. He said that he will be glad when the new signal lights are put into effect, so that he will have to watch only one direction—forward.

Jake Haringa reports a pleasant trip to Paterson, N. J., where he was a delegate at the conference of the Christian Reformed Churches.

On May 7, a bachelor party was held for Leopaul Gamelin at the Whitinsville Fish and Game Club. There was a very large turnout and the Committee consisting of James and Alec Scott, Jack Walker, Peter Andonian, George Dumas, and William Hall certainly planned a pleasant evening for everyone. A buffet supper was served and the entertainment was so varied that Bill Leclaire had to act as a roving reporter of the event. The entertainment consisted of group singing led by George Dumas and the Piper brothers, imitation of Al Jolson by Tunney Oliver, vocal selections by one or two quartets composed of Joe Gauvin, Harold Whitehead, Tom Burns, Sonny Riley, and comments by Peter Andonian. Songs were also rendered by Jimmy Scott, Punker Godbout and a dance, the Sailor's Hornpipe, was performed by Alec MacFarlane. At the close of the party a purse of money was presented to Mr. Gamelin.

The Card Setup Floor reports that Fred Hyde and Norman Therrien are looking for some sort of protection to ease their bumps and falls. Fred came walking along the room and went straight into a post. He must have been thinking of his money or tax refund. Norman has a weakness for falling down whenever he takes his overalls off. He has been told time and time again that he can't bounce off the floor.

FOUNDRY

by Varkis Arakelian

Raymon F. Meader, Robert Walker, and Gerrit Ebbeling recently returned from a one-week convention of the Foundry Men's Association held in Philadelphia. New methods of molding were brought forth at the convention.

Arthur Broadhurst, rate setter in the Foundry, has been elected Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Whitinsville. Art was first-class machinist mate in the Seabees and has considerable overseas duty. The VFW plan to build new headquarters. Art says a few sites are under consideration and as soon as the site is picked, they will go ahead with the construction.

Glad to see Bob Spearman back to work again after an appendectomy. Bob is doing light work until recovered enough to take over his own job. . . . Haig Karagosian is in the Mt. Auburn Hospital for an operation. . . . Sam Bagian is in St. Vincent Hospital for observation. . . . Rene Moir has had an appendectomy. . . . Richard Black is in Cushing General Hospital in Framingham. We wish these men a speedy recovery and hope soon to welcome them back to work.

Bill Prior reporting for the Metal Pattern Shop, extends congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Warren on their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

A little advice to Ed Kileline on how to plant his tomato plants this year. The boys on the job counsel Ed to use fertilizer this year. Last year Ed used cement—by mistake, naturally.

The day-by-day arguments on the Red Sox and Braves continue. Harold Warren, Vic Mathurin, and Bart Sughrue are the Sox supporters, and Rein Workman and MacDonald support the Braves. The battle wages over each day's victory or defeat.

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by

Harold Case

SOFTBALL is really in high gear this month, and will undoubtedly occupy the limelight until the end of August. If you think softball is a minor sport, take a look at these figures.

Twenty-four teams, organized in four leagues, are active in the Town of Northbridge, totaling approximately 400 players. Two weeks after the season opened, two more teams desired to enter one of the leagues, but, unfortunately, they were too late. One league alone lists one hundred and twenty-one players. On any of five nights each week you can see hundreds of players on seven regulation playing fields striking out, hitting homers, dropping and catching flyballs, and having a wonderful time. I believe there isn't a town in the Commonwealth, even one twice the size of Northbridge, that can surpass such interest in softball.

I can remember the time when the game was confined to the Gym floor. Harry and Roy Drinkwater, Harvey Deslauriers, Earl Bogie, and Zebe Smith were a few of the regulars who were numbered among the players of that time. Quite often the gang broke some windows—not intentionally, of course. But one evening our activities were transferred to the small lot (now a garden plot) on Linwood Avenue opposite Cross Street. We began our game with enough players for a small scrub game. In less than an hour, however, there were so many fellows stopping by and wanting to get a "whack" at the ball that everyone seemed to be in the game. It was impossible to get a hit while a dozen or more fielders patrolled the river bank. After someone knocked the ball into the river, the game ended and we called it a night, but not until we decided to play again the following week. Soon there were four organized teams playing all summer. This was the small beginning of our present large softball organization.

The Recreation League which, with its eight teams, is the largest of the four leagues, plays twice a week and will play a split schedule. With only four games played at this writing, it looks like a dogfight between last year's champs, the Rockdale Legion and a newcomer this season, Fred's Restaurant.

The Pops' League is a misnomer, but is a charitable way of admitting that the players, Pops or not, are over thirty years old. The Pops have plenty of "pepper" and still get a kick out of playing ball. They really play for "blood" in this league. Oscar Erickson, manager of the WMW Office entry, has his gang laying down bunts when they are out in front by eight or ten runs! I think Oscar wants to play it safe and wants to make sure the Office wins because the Office accepted a challenge from the Screw Job team on condition that the losing team would treat to chicken dinners. Last year the losers played for "Peanuts" (Johnson) and the winners, not having eaten any chicken yet, wish they had settled for nuts, too!

The Pops' League will settle the championship by using the Shaugnessy System (the first four teams play each other), so I'll wait until the next edition of the SPINDLE to list the standings in this league.

The other leagues are, the Merchants League, composed of teams sponsored by six Dutch business men, and a four-team league made up of workers from four different jobs at the Paul Whitin Company. The Merchants Leaguers play even more vigorously than the players of the other three leagues. I know one night last month they played in a rainstorm after laying out a temporary field because the regular diamond was ankle deep in water from an all-day rain.

The baseball picture was still unsettled last month, but it seems the Shop will field a strong team in the Blackstone Valley League. In case you haven't seen a schedule, the local team will play eighteen home games, three a week, with some home games on Sunday afternoon. Also this league will decide the championship by using the Shaugnessy System. There are eight teams in the league, so a forth place club still has a chance of emerging on top.

As for the Sunset League, I can offer you only the vaguest inkling. It was hoped that four teams could be organized with, possibly, the same fellows who managed the teams last year acting in the same capacity this year. What actually happened I don't know as yet.

This I do know—if you want to see a ball game any night in the week, all you have to do is to go to the nearest diamond. I'll guarantee there will be some sort of a ball game in progress.

OFFICE VS. MIZZY'S (POP'S LEAGUE)
Umpire, Fred Marshall; Catcher, John Kuras; Mike Marker at bat

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Jack Leonard has returned to work after a long siege with an infection of the leg.

Anyone interested in plumbing is advised to see Ray Belanger and Harry Daubney. They became interested in fixing the drinking fountain and ended by flooding the job. Ray, of course, was drenched to the skin.

SPINDLE JOB

by Joe Hickey

Tom Fitzpatrick, who recently returned to work after a few months' illness, was taken ill again and confined to his home.

Rona Baxendale, who has been ill at her home, is now on the road to recovery. A few of the girls from the Job recently met Rona and found her greatly improved.

Our timekeeper, Dottie Orff, had an unusual accident recently. While walking under an umbrella one rainy night a gust of wind caught the umbrella and Dottie was hit below the eye by the handle. At least, that is the story Dottie relates to explain the black eye she exhibited the next morning.

Ed Roukema, Al Perry, John Visbeck, Joe Pelitier, and Benny Mezynski recently went fishing at Narragansett Bay. Everybody but John Visbeck did very well. John didn't catch even one fish. To top it off, somebody took his clams and he came home empty handed.

We are glad to hear that Mrs. John Cnossen has returned home from Memorial Hospital and that she is well on the road to recovery.

Antoine Parmentier of the night shift was injured when a wooden sheath flew out of his machine and struck him in the face. We hope his injuries are not serious and that he will soon be back on the job.

TOOL JOB

by Shirley Oby

Bill Sherry is in for some ribbing as soon as his fellow shaper hands find out the details of his latest bit of absent-mindedness. It seems that Bill had a talk with his son, and "Dud" agreed to let Bill have a section of his garden plot behind Joe Topp's. Bill had a burst of spring energy soon after, and spent a good portion of a day up at the plot doing things that have to be done to a garden. Did right well, too. Got it all planted and everything. Soon after that he was talking to Angus Parker about his efforts, and "Angie" did a bit of questioning. Bill thought that he was in plot 8, and—well, Bill is still looking for the owner of the plot he planted and keeping his secret mighty dark.

Members of the Tool Job's Benefit Club will soon be having another shindig at Firemen's Hall. Movies will be shown of the last rapid-fire affair which all members remember so well. Refreshments and the usual goings-on will make it a typical Tool Job night.

Not too long ago Whitinsville was flooded with circulars describing a beautiful development on the shores of a Connecticut lake. Charlie Paine bit hard and acquired some real estate in short order. The other day Charlie decided to visit his latest possessions and headed south. Charlie used twenty gallons of gas and a quart of oil and unlimited patience and still hasn't found those hard-earned lots.

WINDER JOB

by "Dorsey" Devlin

Dottie Lemoine of Stock Crib No. 18 contributes this interesting episode about Ray Kucharski, winder expediter.

Ray was standing in line at the Cafeteria the other day (probably thinking about that Boston night game he is going to attend. As he reached the counter, he gave the waitress his clock number, as if he were in the Paymaster's line.

Jeanette Beaudoin proves to be very accommodating. Fred Barrows, the checker for the Production Department approached her asking for her (part) number, and Jeanette promptly obliged by giving her phone number.

Welcome back to Grace Bedrosian after a long siege of illness.

We all wish the speedy return to health of Mrs. Ethan Tatro, who recently underwent a serious operation at Worcester's Memorial Hospital.

Joe Carfagno lost the use of both legs, but he proves that anyone who has enough courage can continue to live a very full life in spite of such a handicap. Joe works a full forty-hour week on the Winder Job. His leisure moments are occupied with fishing and listening to good music. His warm smile and pleasing personality make him a welcome guest wherever he goes

If there are any baseball teams in this area desirous of enhancing their chances for the pennant, they might have a talk with Henry "Ziggy" King who, I understand, is a great "hot corner" guardian. "Ziggy" was quite an outstanding sports star at St. John's High School in Worcester a few short years ago.

Floyd Gudanowski, one of the better catches in the Valley, will cast his lot with the Millville AM-VETS this season. He also is the leading backstop on the Winder Job Team, which as yet has received no challengers.

Curt Card, of Purchase Inspection, quite unwillingly went swimming early this year. Curt, while fishing in the morning, lost his pole after a few casts. In the afternoon he returned with another rod, but, in his excitement to lure the trout, lost his footing and made a beautiful swan dive into the pool. Curt now is trying to convince his wife that she should let him use his new outboard motor. Mrs. Card may be hard to convince because the opinion is general that if Curt is not safe on land, he might be a greater casualty on the high seas.

If anyone backs his truck into a cesspool, just call Bob Croteau, he can be of valuable assistance. At least he was able to get his own truck back on terra-firma when he became the unfortunate victim of such an escapade.

AROUND THE PLANT

by Sally Jones

On a very recent occasion, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Veau attended church early one morning. After the service, Louie went straight to work and Mrs. Veau went home. Now, it seems that when they left the house, Louie locked it and held possession of the only key. Throughout Mrs. Veau's repeated attempts to force an entrance, the door stood firm. She then tried the screened windows. No luck. Finally, Louie was summoned over a neighbor's telephone and came to the rescue on the double quick. Mrs. Veau has ordered another key.

Recently, we missed Leslie Young at his usual post guarding the foundry gate. We suspected that only a serious matter could keep him from his job, and we made inquiries. The boys in the Foundry's Carpenter Shop discovered that Leslie suffered an accident in connection with the planting of his dahlia bulbs. After Leslie carefully spaded manure into the garden soil, he started to go down into his cellar to get his bulbs. He remembers stepping on the top step and next he recalls lying on the cellar floor while his wife was pouring cold water on his head. Well, boys and girls, the lesson is, learn to dance the barnyard shuffle when you wander around a manure-spread garden.

Harry Fruzello, of the Electrical Department, invited his friend, Bob Fox, to go to Woonsocket with him recently. After doing

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the town, they decided to return and Harry offered to take Bob to his home in Franklin. With a laugh, Bob replied, "Heck, no, I can thumb my way home without any trouble." Strange things happen, or I should say, the good neighbors were not on the highway that night. Bobby had to walk all the way from Woonsocket to Franklin. The next time, Bob, don't take any chances—ride, and save shoe leather.

Francis Shugrue, reporting for the Core Room, tells us that Gene Benoit is leaving us to try the California climate. Gene says if he likes it well enough he will settle there. We shall miss you, Gene, and we wish you the best of luck.

George Steiner, Jr., who joined the Pascoag Fire Department last month, missed one of that town's biggest fires the first week he was on duty. The fire was at the Pascoag race track and the horses were running all over the town. George claims he didn't hear the alarm.

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Obituary

It is with profound regret that we report the passing of George S. Dyer, foreman of the Gear Job. He will long be remembered by all his fellow workers and townspeople for his cheerfulness and good will. We extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Mabel Dyer and other members of her family in their great bereavement.

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to relatives and friends of Hagop Hagopian. Hagop, an employee of the Foundry for the past twelve years, recently passed away at the Whitinsville Hospital.

Mrs. Evelyn Crockett, the former Evelyn Hix, wife of Thomas Crockett, died May 21 at the Memorial Hospital, Worcester. Members of the Comber Job extend their sincere sympathy to Tom.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Alphonse Sunn, of Department 411, on the recent death of his mother. Mrs. Sunn resided in North Adams, Mass.

We extend condolence and sympathy to Lee Watson on the death of his mother, who passed away on May 16 at her home in Holliston.

We wish to extend our sympathy to Gordon Boutilier, of the Master List Department, on the death of his sister, Mrs. Neil Cree, a former resident of Whitinsville.

It is with regret that we report the passing of Alvin Spencer at his home in the Plummer Park Section on Thursday, May 27, 1948.

Mr. Spencer was employed at the time of his death as Assistant Chief Engineer in the Engineering Department.

The heartfelt sympathy of his many friends and associates is extended to his widow and daughter.

BOWLING SEASON ENDS WITH BANQUET

From the left: Fred Cowburn, Norman Burroughs, Melvin Young, Reggie Demague, Richard Garabedian, William Hall, Kenneth Benner, Herbert Park, Norman Spratt, Richard Sanderson, Sr., Reggie Bratt, Paul O'Connor, Ernest Bonoyer

From the left: James Marshall, William Shaw, Fred Siepietowski, Henry Cant, Archie Jacobs, David Buma, John Sotek, Ynte Postma, Art Barsamian, William Demague, Sonny Visbeck, Angus Parker

MEMBERS of the Shop Bowling League closed their season with a turkey and steak dinner at the Klondike Inn in Farnumsville. After the excellent dinner, Henry Crawford, president of the League, reviewed the league's activities during the season. He then called on Frank Stone, personnel director, to make a few remarks. A short business meeting followed with the election of officers for the coming year. Henry Crawford was reëlected president, Robert English was elected treasurer, and Reggie Bratt was reëlected secretary.

After the meeting, John Cunningham, superintendent, presented prizes to the best bowlers and to the winning teams.

The proceedings were concluded with an entertaining show by Leland Remington, magician.

Other Shop Bowling League players were: Ben Bardon, Maurice Morin, Philip Rae, Frank Kalonis, Francis Fleener, Herbert Baker, John Connors, Howard Cook, Robert English, Frank Rutana, Henry, Crawford Newell Wallace, Jake DeYoung, E. Wessell, and F. Frieswyck.

(*Editor:* We wish to thank Reggie Bratt of the Screw Job for keeping us well informed on the bowling league activities throughout the season.)

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Here is a timely tip to anyone planning a trip to Boston to see the Red Sox play. Don't invite Varky Asadoorian to go along. Varky's presence always brings rain and you wind up at the box office with a rain check.

SCREW & GRINDER JOBS

by Joe Martin

One night as Bob Lawson was returning from work, he extinguished his pipe—so he thought—and put it in his pocket. Soon the pocket was consumed by the pipe and Bob was on fire. Fortunately, he quickly brought things under control and suffered no injuries.

Johnny Hutnak, our prize gardener, proudly showed us some carrots fifteen inches long. We were mightily impressed until we found out that the carrots were grown last year. No bragging, John, about carrots that take two years to grow.

We all hated to see Paul Devlin leave Department 411. We understand he is going to be an expediter and wish him good luck in his new job.

We are hoping that June Lemoine will hurry up and get her home finished. The boys from this department expect an invitation to the house warming and hope that June's father, good old Dave Gray, will sponsor the event and remember how fond we are of good things to eat.

Dave Gray, Mrs. Gray and another couple went to New York a couple of weeks ago and had a wonderful time. The network of highways around New York held no terrors for Dave and he got along famously up to Webster on the way home. Between Webster and Douglas the trouble started and Dave hockeyed over every back road, through wood and vale, in the territory. Harry Downs, finally, after two hours of such wanderings, set them on the right course home. Dave, who would ever imagine that you needed a map of Douglas? Why, it's practically in your back yard.

MILLING & CHUCK JOBS

by Joe Roche

We are happy to see Joe Bilodeau and Elsie Bellerose back at work after their recent illnesses.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Sid Vandersea who celebrated their eighth wedding anniversary on May 28. Sid is a supervisor at 416 and Sid's wife, the former Mildred Burt, once worked on the Roll Job.

Robert Benoit, of the Chuck Job night shift, was recently teaching his girl friend to drive a car. Apparently somebody got his signals crossed because the first thing Bob knew the car knocked over a stop sign and gently came to rest on its side. No casualties we are happy to report.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. M. Eghian on the arrival of a daughter, May 6, at the Milford Hospital. Mrs. Eghian, the former Sarah Simonian, worked on the Wood Pattern Job.

Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hommers (Sylvia Kroll) on the birth of a son. Mrs. Hommers formerly worked on the Repair Job.

The Dean Davises proudly announce the birth of their third child, a boy, on April 30, at the Doctors' Hospital, Worcester. Dean is employed on the Bolster Job.

Roger Sylvestre, of the Bolster Job night shift, and his wife are happy to announce an addition to their family. A girl was born to them on May 6 at the Woonsocket Hospital.

Receiving congratulations on the birth of a boy are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lemeshevsky. The baby was born on May 18 at the Memorial Hospital, Worcester. Walter works on the Bolster Job.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Houle who were blessed with twin girls on April 17. Arthur is employed on the Chuck Job.

Congratulations to Archie Jacobs, of Department 426, and Mrs. Jacobs on the birth of a boy.

We are happy to announce the arrival of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gardner. Henry works in the Foundry.

Congratulations to George Wheeler, of Department 427, and Mrs. Wheeler on the birth of a 6 lbs. 4 oz. girl. She is called Fay Elizabeth.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Harding on the arrival of a boy. Vaughn is employed in the Core Room.

Congratulations to Norman Southerland, of the Milling Job, and Mrs. Southerland on the birth of a girl, May 5, at the Whitinsville Hospital. Norman's wife is the former Helen Asadoorian.

Congratulations to Louis Hookstra, of the Spindle Job, and Mrs. Hookstra on the birth of a 7½ pound girl on May 20 at the Whitinsville Hospital.

Richard Dubois of the Carpenter Shop and Helen Beauregard were married on May 22.

On Saturday, June 19, Miss Betty Mullaly, of the Office force, will become the bride of Kenneth Rondeau at St. Augustine's Church in Millville, Mass.

Alden T. Rosa will take Miss Ellen McCreadie for his bride at the Globe Congregational Church on Saturday, June 26, at Woonsocket, R. I.

We announce the marriage of Barbara Brown, of the Drafting Room, to William Albert Pendergast, Saturday, May 22. Barbara will leave shortly to make her home in Indiana.

Rusty Durand of the Carpenter Shop and Regina Bernier were married on May 15.

Jeannette David of the Freight Office and John L'Abbe were married on May 16.

Leopaul Gamelin of the Spinning Floor and Jeannette Dutilly were married on May 29 in the Holy Rosary Church, Rochester, New Hampshire.

Leo Beaudoin, of the Card Job, and Florence Trainor, of the Roll Job, were married on May 8 in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Linwood.

Gordon E. Milkman, of East Douglas, and Theresa LaMay, of Millbury, were married on May 15 at Assumption Church, Millbury.

William Guertin, of the Ring Job, and Doris Barrette, of Worcester, were married on May 29 at the Church of Notre Dame.

Congratulations to Dick Pierson on his recent marriage. Dick was a job planner on 411 but has recently been promoted to the Production Office.

May Devlin, of the Core Room office, will be married to Louis Pechulis, of Uxbridge, June 19. The wedding will be at St. Patrick's Church, Whitinsville.

Best wishes to Margaret Yeulensky, of Department 451, who received an engagement ring last month.

Gennaro D'Alfonso, of Department 451, and Eileen Waterman were married on May 29.

Ray Robinson, of the Milling Job, and Jeannette Hebert, ofBlackstone, will be married on May 31 in St. Paul's Church, Blackstone.

Ernest Mainville, of the Roll Job (night shift), and Lucille Therien will be married on June 26.

June Hammond, of the Winder Job, and Arthur Lafleur, of Northbridge, were married on May 8.

Normand Deragon, of the Winder Job, and Marguerite LeBrun were married on May 8 in the Church of Precious Blood, Woonsocket, R. I.

THE BATTLE AXE TWINS—PLUGS vs. LIVE BAIT

Twenty-five years ago, Leon (Jack) Horner sketched for the old "Whitin Spindle" several first-rate cartoons which were greatly enjoyed by everyone at that time. We believe that these cartoons will continue to afford enjoyment to the present-day readers of the "Spindle." Therefore, from time to time, we shall publish Jack Horner's cartoons on the back cover of the "Spindle."

Until his retirement in November, 1947, Jack was employed by the Whitin Machine Works as a draftsman. He was one of the best in his field. At the present time he is living in Florida. We are grateful to Jack in allowing us to re-publish his excellent cartoons.

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Joseph Defoe is one of our best grinder hands. Joe has worked on the Roving Small Parts floor for twenty-seven years

Deller Bailey is first-class fitter on the Spinning Floor, where he has worked for forty-eight years. He has a family of 8 children and 17 grandchildren

Leo Bouley, well known throughout the plant, is a spline machine operator and has worked on the Bolster Job for the past fifteen years

Familiar Faces

AROUND THE PLANT

Lillian Podsiadlo, is shown operating an upright drill. She has worked on the Winder Job for the past six years

Louise O'Connell inspects a finished gear. She is the Supervisor of nine inspectors on the Gear Job where she has been employed far ten years

rthur Clark has been straight-ning spindles for forty-one years. rthur not only knows his spindles, ut is an authority on sports. His Clark independents" are well remembered

Richard Sanderson, Jr., i turning out high speed c a lathe on Baird's Job, he has worked for the l years. His favorite am is bowling

Exterior View of Whitin Community Gymnasium

George Marston Whitin

Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Whitin Community Gymnasium

This month marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the opening of our Whitin Community Gymnasium. The completion of this building in 1923 was the fulfillment of a wish often expressed by George Marston Whitin, in whose memory the building was dedicated to the community by his daughters, Mrs. Lawrence M. Keeler, Mrs. E. Kent Swift, Mrs. Sydney R. Mason, and Mrs. W. Carey Crane.

In his dedicatory address in the evening of July 7, 1923, Mr. E. Kent Swift paid tribute to the man who visualized and planned this gymnasium. It seems fitting that we mark this milestone with the following excerpt from Mr. Swift's address:

"We are assembled here tonight to open a building which is dedicated to a great citizen, George Marston Whitin. Mr. Whitin was born here, lived his life here and died here. His thought and his life were given in service to this community. He was an unusual man and one to whom was given great executive ability and business judgment. His influence was felt throughout the great textile industry, which his many interests touched. His advise and judgment were very highly valued, and many men came to him for help and advice in their difficulties.

"But Mr. Whitin's thought was always of Whitinsville and the development of this community. No citizen in my opinion has done so much for this town as he. He planned its material development. His business sagacity brought prosperity to the great industry, the Whitin Machine Works, which he managed, and where Whitinsville stands today is very largely due to him.

"What appeals I think to each one of us today is that in his work he gave of himself in endeavoring to bring happiness and well-being to the people here. His wish was that Whitinsville would be a good place to live in for the average citizen. For two or three years before his illness, his thought was for the erection of a gymnasium building which would be open to all the people of Whitinsville and to those employed by the Whitin Machine Works. He wished a building which would be open to all, that would be so democratic and so free that it could form a common meeting place for the people of Whitinsville, irrespective of race, creed or politics.

"The dedication of this building to George Marston Whitin is most appropriate—a tribute to a great citizen, the expression of his last wish for the benefit and well-being of this community."

Through the years, the George

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Gym Staff 1923, left to right: Thomas Colthart, Harry L. MaLette, physical director; Nora Collins, Moses Brines, director; Teddy Barrett

Twenty-fifth Anniversary

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Marston Whitin Gymnasium has contributed to the happiness of Whitinsville and has made it a better, more healthful, and more congenial place in which to live. It is unfortunate that Mr. Whitin did not live to see his dream fulfilled in the happy youngsters who use the Gym for healthful recreation and active competitive sports. Nevertheless, those who cherish the memory of George Marston Whitin, can delight in the achievements of the Whitin Community Gymnasium and can experience a glow of pride in its athletes who have carried its name and fame more than half way around the world.

Sports fans will long remember such great basketball stars as "Doc" Cassidy, Leo Kenney, Chet Kiernan, Harold Johnston, Bill Graham, "Smiles" Crawford, "Luke" Driscoll, "Choo-Choo" Carr, Edward Ballard, Eddie Connors, Gordon McGuinness, Mark Patterson, and Newell Wallace.

Among the aquatic stars, one of the outstanding swimmers was Alice Bridges of Uxbridge, national backstroke champion in 1934 and 1935. She represented the United States at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin, placing second in the backstroke.

Alice also was a member of the New England championship relay team in 1925–26–27–28–29 along with Joan McSheehy, Louise Stimpson, Margaret McSheehy, Barbara Greenwood and Clair Walker.

Joan McSheehy was another star performer and was national backstroke champion in 1929–30 and at one time was world record holder of the 50 yards, 75, 100 and 400 yards.

Clair Walker was national junior 880 yard free-style champion and held at one time the New England championship in the 440, 500, 880 and one mile as well as the championship in the 220 backstroke. In 1939 Ruth Howarth was the 150 yard medley individual champion with a record time of 2:13.4, which remains unsurpassed to this day.

Other girl swimmers who attained prominence were: Betty Parker, Eleanor Stuart, Marion Bogie, Dorothy McSheehy, Millicent Cramp, Mary Stevens, Veronica Kane, Agnes Donahue, Josephine Belanger.

The relay team of Art Broadhurst, Bill Baszner, Roger Moe and Joseph Rogers won the New England cham-

Alice Bridges

First Gym Basketball Team, seated, left to right: Henry S. Crawford, manager; Edward Ballard, Mesrop Saragian, George Hartley, Harry L. MaLette, coach; Elmer C. Leonard, captain; Harold Vaughn, Michael Jackman, Everett Johnston, assistant manager. Standing, left to right: Harold Johnston, Newell Wallace, William Scott, William W. Smith, James Ashworth, John Bogie, James Hayes

pionship in 1929–30–31. Other crack swimmers were William Todd, James Stevens and Bert Malkasian.

Today, as in previous years, the Gym offers its members competitive basketball, swimming, badminton, volleyball, handball, shuffleboard, boxing, wrestling, gym classes, clubroom facilities (e.g., Camera Club, Model Boat Club), heavy apparatus, a shooting gallery, game rooms, and a library. In addition, the Gymnasium serves as a center for many community activities. The Gym's present membership is 2150. It is interesting to note that in the year ending 1947 the various functions and activities held in the Gymnasium were attended by 82,062. One of the greatest attractions in 1947 was basketball which drew large crowds to witness 160 games. This amazing record of attendance illustrates to some extent that the excellent work begun twenty-five years ago is being carried on today with zest and enthusiasm by the Gym's Board of Directors: Thomas Crawford, Harry Phipps, Philip Walker, Lawrence Keeler, George Fullerton, Doctor Cassidy, James Rankine, Director Roscoe M. Marker, and Physical Directors Harold Case and Louise D. Rundlett.

Present Gym Staff, front row, left to right: Louise Rundlett, physical director; Alice Farley, Ann Boutilier, Nancy Smith. Back row, left to right: Harold Case, physical director; Roscoe Marker, director; Albert McNeil, Robert Webster. Mrs. Frank Davidson is absent from the picture

During the year the gym is the scene of many gay dances, parties, and social events

Below: Saturday is play day. Scores of youngsters allow themselves an hour or so for frolicking in the pool

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PHOTOGRAPHS

We should like to express our appreciation to those who, in the last five months, have submitted photographs to the SPINDLE. These contributions have helped greatly in stimulating interest in the SPINDLE. May we ask continued support in this respect. If you have any recent photographs or "snapshots" of children, of weddings, sports events, parties or dances or, in fact, of any person or occurrence which you think will interest our readers, please submit such photos or snapshots to the reporter in your department.

Now that summer has put in its appearance, we are looking forward to receiving pictures of you and your family enjoying the great out-of-doors. Take your camera with you on your trip and let your friends and neighbors know what a fine time you've had.

FRONT COVER: Shirley Lightbown, of the Production Department, is one of the many tennis enthusiasts of Whitinsville. She became interested in tennis in 1945 when the Whitin Community Association built three courts for the enjoyment of its members. These courts are paved with "Altos," a special macadam composition used only on the finest tennis courts. The courts are so constructed that almost immediately after even a heavy rainstorm the playing surface is dry. To provide the fullest enjoyment of the courts, Mr. E. Kent Swift, in 1946, donated electric floodlighting which gives noonday brightness to the tennis courts at night.

KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

MILLING & CHUCK JOBS

by Joe Roche

Cookie Barnes is giving Lemmie Carlson, the Dupont representative, a few lessons on how to eat lobsters. Cookie, Lemmie and Irving Orrell went to a lobster supper in East Douglas one night. As the food was served, Cookie said to Lemmie, "Only the body of the lobster is good to eat so just pass the tail and claws over to me and I'll dispose of them." Cookie the cagey boy gained half a lobster every time they were served.

(Assoc. Editor: Irving Orrell says that the Milling Job is looking for an explanation from Joe Roche in regard to the table decorations he has been sending to Rockport.)

WINDER JOB

by Dorsey Devlin

The baseball fans in this department, thirty-three strong, made a pilgrimage to Braves Field, May 28, to witness the arclight clash between the Braves and the Dodgers. A chartered bus took twenty-six fans, while seven others (the wise seven), went by private cars. The bus crowd was in a gay holiday spirit going to Boston, with Hannah McGuiness, Molly McGeough and Oliver Baker leading the community singing.

The game was a poor exhibition of ball playing and hardly worth mentioning. The Braves were defeated, much to the disappointment of our crowd. Moses Arakelian was so disgusted with the Braves he went to sleep during the second inning and did not wake up until the game was over.

The trip home after the game was one to be long remembered. Five of the party, who prefer to remain anonymous, were unable to find the bus, even with the help of radar and were forced to remain in the "hub" city until the following day.

Oscar Ampagoomian says if we have the same kind of weather in July that we had in June, the only thing his garden will produce this year is watermelons.

Sally Friel, of the night shift, has just returned to work after a six months' tour of Ireland. Sally sailed from New York on October 29, 1947, and arrived in Old Erin on November 3, on the S.S. "America."

She visited a sister in Ballina, Mago, a brother in Northern Ireland, and other relatives in Dublin and Cork cities. She also visited the Blarney Stone. Sally tells me that prosperous conditions and high prices exist throughout the land of shamrocks and colleens, except in Northern Ireland, where rationing is still in effect. She sailed for home on April 24, docking in New York on April 29. She had a smooth trip both ways and said even with all the beauty of the Old Country she was both happy and relieved to again see the old girl in New York harbor, the Statue of Liberty.

Leo Menard, inspection supervisor, who fixes radios and runs movies, has come up with a new one. Lillian Pelland informs me

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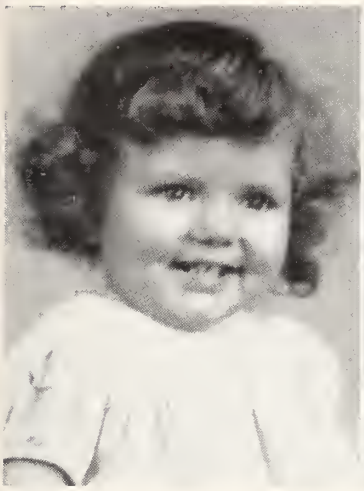
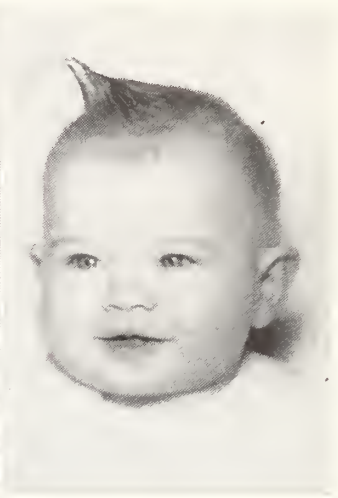
EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTED

United Steel Workers of America Local No. 3654, have elected the following officers to serve on the Executive Board for the next two years: Seated, left to right: Edward Roukama, vice president; John Andonian, president; Napoleon Deschene, recording secretary. Standing, left to right: Clinton Hanson, treasurer; John Campbell, trustee; John Deschene, trustee; David Blakely, trustee; William LeClair, financial secretary





ROLL JOB OFFSPRING

Marjorie is the daughter of Harry Knight. Priscilla, age 5, daughter of Arthur Mikulsky. Karen, at 15 months, daughter of Edward Trasavage. Sandra Smith is the granddaughter of Lucy Ross

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hat Leo did a very good job of giving his wife permanent wave.

We wish to welcome to this department ewcomers Gerald Jackman and Norman illimare.

Moses Arakelian has left the Job to take p auto mechanic training at Worcester rade School. Good luck, Moses!

A birthday party was held in honor of Irs. Ethel Thompson of Purchase Inspeciion, on May 28, at Phil's Broiler House in xbridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrick Houghton spent heir vacation in June on a motor trip to the Vest Coast.

Ralph Houghton, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Houghton (Wood Pattern Job), is mployed at the Cafeteria following his raduation from Northbridge High School.

The Wood Pattern Job welcomes back Raymond Remillard for the summer months. Ray is a student at Worcester Tech.

ROLL JOB

by Harold O'Connell

Hazel Trainor has returned to her job after wo weeks of illness. She is Cecil Baker's lerk.

The Roll Job has organized and entered ts softball team in the Pops League. Lew Lyman was elected manager and Cesag Onanian, captain. Games are played every Wednesday evening at 6.00 p.m. To date the Roll Job has won one game and lost six ames.

Hubert McNeil, one of our efficient inpectors, came out of St. Patrick's Church after Mass recently and sat in an automobile which he presumed to be his own. After a matter of minutes, a strange woman sat beside him and said, "I beg your pardon Sir, this is my car." Hubert investigated and sure enough he was in the wrong car. After explaining and apologizing, he found his wife waiting for him across the street. After a red faced explanation to his wife for sitting with a strange woman, Hubert proceeded home.

While seeking fresh air recently at the belfry, the door locked behind Sylvia Salatiello leaving her out in the cold. It was some time before her frantic pleas for help were heard and her predicament discovered. She had quite a bit of explaining to do before being admitted to the Shop again.

James McKane has returned to work after a confinement of two weeks at the Massachusetts General Hospital. Jim was treated for an eye infection.

COTTON MILL

by Louise Sohigian

Ever since Widgie Larochelle returned from her trip to Canada she has taken a great interest in cows. We are all wondering what happened up there.

A gang from Department 451 were invited down to Katherine Baghdasarian's house for a weenie roast and barbecue. Between the delicious food and the square dances a good time was had by all. The highlight of the evening was the comedy acts put on by Rose Corporale and Bill Chausse.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Aldea Peterson is out on leave of absence because of sickness. We hope she will be back with us soon.

On June 12, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pessotti celebrated their second wedding anniversary. We wish them many more.

Birthdays celebrated in the month of June were: Edythe Casey, William Pryor, Marie Donatello, and Eileen Leavitt. We wish them many happy returns.

On June 16, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Demague celebrated their twenty-ninth wedding anniversary.

SPINDLE JOB

by Joe Hickey

Harry Dalton, former foreman of Department 439, and Ed Rosol, second hand of 439, flew home from Charlotte, N. C., after spending several weeks at the W.M.W. plant in Charlotte on business. Pictured below are Walter P. LaFonte, foreman of the Spindle Job in that plant, and Ed Rosol.

Margaret Marshall attended the W.G.M.S. National Convention for four days at Wellesley College, Wellesley, Mass. She was a representative of the United Presbyterian Church of Whitinsville, Mass.

Vic Gervais and Paul Blaine of the Spindle Job were out casting for fish in a row boat a few days ago. While the boat was near the shore line Vic made a supposedly perfect cast but his line landed in a tree. Paul had to climb the tree to get Vic's line free. All the boys are wondering just what kind of a fisherman is Vic?

Vic Person, the crack pistol shot of the Spindle Job, competed in the semifinals for the U.S. Olympic Team for the twenty-two pistol shoot. Over three hundred shots were fired and Vic missed out by only a few points to his opponent. The sad part of it all is that Vic beat this opponent in a shoot a few days previous to the trials.

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The Wood Pattern Shop

At the left: Francis Joslin makes a final check on a completed winder box. On the right: Alfred Sutcliffe finishes a plaster of paris mold

Wood pattern making ranks as one of the highest skills in manufacturing. The pattern maker must be able to make patterns from extremely complicated drawings or sketches. He must be able to plan pattern construction and must have a complete knowledge of the many kinds of wood that are used. The wood pattern maker must have a particular understanding of the grain of each type of wood. He must understand also the molding and shrinkage of various casting metals and alloys. The pattern maker, of course, knows how to use all types of hand and power woodworking tools and measuring instruments. His work is very exacting and is confined to close tolerances.

Francis Joslin is shown on this page checking a winder core box he has just completed. Measurements must be exact and held to extremely close tolerances. As in the case of faulty patterns, if a mistake is made in a core box and not discovered before it reaches the Foundry, hundreds of castings might be spoiled. The box is composed only of cores and sections of patterns. In the Core Room, sand is packed into the core box and, after the impression has been made in the sand, the sand core is withdrawn from the box and is baked. The baked sand core is then delivered to the Foundry where the iron is poured in the core. After the iron has cooled, the sand core is broken away from the iron casting and a finished winder box is revealed.

Alfred Sutcliffe is also shown using a new, more economical and faster

All patterns, before being delivered to the Pattern Loft, receive a final check. Before releasing this pattern, Archie Fournier checks it for accuracy. Archie started making patterns at Whitin in 1907; he has one of the longest service records in the Pattern Shop and is one of our first-class pattern makers. Patterns are made from cherry, mahogany, maple and pine wood. The harder woods are used for patterns which must withstand more frequent use in making castings. Metal castings are made from a wood pattern in a manner similar to that used by Al Sutcliffe in making a plastic pattern from a wood pattern. Where Al uses plaster of paris to make his mold of the wood pattern, the Foundry makes a mold of sand packed around the pattern. After the sand "mold" has been made, the wood pattern is withdrawn from the sand and the mold is filled with molten iron which is allowed to cool and harden into a casting

method for making patterns. The process requires the use of a plastic material and demands great accuracy. Although it cannot be employed in every case, the large number of patterns that can be made of plastic makes the method very worth while. Al is shown smoothing the rough spots of a plaster of paris impression of a wood pattern. In front of him are the top and bottom of a completed plaster mold box. Ingredients of a liquid plastic are carefully weighed before mixing and are then poured into the mold box which is placed in an oven to bake. Baking solidifies the plastic to form the finished plastic pattern as shown in the picture on the opposite page.

In former days when the Picker was the principal machine manufactured by the Whitin Machine Works, very few patterns were made by the Company for castings. The wood patterns that were required at that time were procured from the Providence Machine Company in Providence, R. I.

In delving into the early history of our plant, we find that a Mr. Armsby was the first pattern maker in the employ of the Company and made his patterns in the Carpenter Shop without the aid of any special machinery. Later in the 1870's a Mr. Bates, assisted by Mr. Horace Whipple and Mr. Waterman, made the patterns for the shop.

In 1889, a Mr. McLean became the foreman of the Pattern Shop. Eight years after his appointment the Company began to manufacture Combers and required a greater number of patterns in its production. Thus, the Pattern Shop grew to a complement of nine pattern makers in addition to Mr. McLean. Under Mr. McLean's supervision the Pattern Shop acquired additional equipment and improved greatly in efficiency. However, Mr. McLean became quite ill and ultimately resigned from his position in 1910 when he was succeeded by Percy Houghton.

Mr. Houghton supervised the making of patterns in the Whitin Machine Works until 1926 when he also found it necessary to retire because of illness. Many of Mr. Houghton's former associates still recall his dry humor and disconcerting frankness. Sally Jones told us of Mr. Houghton's great pride in the Pattern Shop and his delight in taking visitors on a tour of the pattern loft. On one such occasion Percy, pointing with pride to his fine patterns, was punctuating his descriptions with vigorous chewing of his tobacco plug. One woman in the visiting party stopped to admire a spinning head end pattern and exclaimed, "Why, that looks like real mahogany!" Percy indignantly responded, "Madam, that's the best d - - - mahogany money can buy—I ought to know, I picked it out myself!" Incidentally, the making of the spinning head end pattern required 600 work-hours even thirty years ago. Today, because of better

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Robert Gonynor, pattern maker, talks over a pattern problem with John VanderZee, foreman of the Pattern Shop

Florence Bileau and Margaret McKay paint all patterns after they have been completed by the pattern makers. The paint keeps moisture out of the patterns and helps to preserve them

The Wood Pattern Shop

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and more numerous pieces of equipment we can complete the pattern in fewer than 300 work-hours.

Upon Mr. Houghton's retirement, Mr. Frank Willis was appointed foreman of the Pattern Shop and remained in charge until 1930. He was succeeded by Harry Lees who turned over the leadership of the department to John VanderZee when World War II broke out and Mr. Lees was promoted divisional superintendent.

Mr. VanderZee has a staff of twenty-five men and three women who work together as a well-coördinated team and turn out each year hundreds of wood patterns varying in size from tiny patterns one-quarter-inch square to huge head ends of prodigious weight.

We doff our hats to Mr. VanderZee and the members of his department who play such an important part in the production of our machinery. Because of their long service, we mention particularly the following faithful workers of the Wood Pattern Job: John VanderZee—41 years, Archie Fournier—39 years, Raymond Fullerton—28 years, Wilfred B. Whitney—28 years, Ralph Houghton—26 years, Alfred Sutcliffe—25 years, Francis Joslin—24 years, and Patrick McGovern—24 years.

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Gene Kurowski found out that sometimes it pays to be sick

The boys of 439 and other members of the shop went on a deep-sea fishing trip recently. Pictured above is Gene Kurowski of Andy Baird's job being presented a dollar by Al Raiche of 439 for being the first man sick. Leon Fletcher, one of our ablest fishermen, was awarded a consolation prize for the smallest fish while Al Raiche took first prize with the most fish. Titus Ebbeling carried three potato sacks with him figuring on a large catch. He came home with a star fish in his pocket. Leon Fletcher kept rocking the boat trying to get all of the boys sick but only a few were bothered by it. Members of the Spindle Job participating in the trip were: George Hoekstra, John Lodder, William Smith, Joe Grignon, Harry Van Brugg, Titus Ebbeling, Aime Trottier, Steve Koprusak, Conn Van Brugg, Romeo Turgeon, Al Raiche, Ed Bates, Leon Fletcher, and C. Duseau.

Mary Gouin has returned to work after a few months' leave.

THEY, TOO, HAD FUN

First row, left to right: Percy Houghton, Frank Willis, Archie Fournier. Second row: Willis' son, William Ward, Fred McConnell, James Harvey, Harry Lees, George McGrath, James Boutilier. Third row: William Foster, William Johnson, Robert Deane, Richard McGrath, Roy Foster, Horace Bassett, Jerry Parsons, David Cocoran. Fourth row: James Spence, Thomas Skillen, Frank McGowan, George Ferry, William Streeter, Edward Whittaker, Thomas Colthart

PICKERS AND ROVING

by Sidney Miedema

The Millville Chamber of Commerce has established headquarters in Department 421. At 12.05 p.m., Clarence Peterson defender of the law, calls the meeting to order. As the meeting gets under way you will hear Dan Hill, Charlie Johnston and Walter Conary all expressing their opinions.

Dorothy Wood, inspector in Department 421, is becoming a strong defender of olive oil, spaghetti, and meat balls. The Uxbridge and Milford boys must put on a good feed.

For the past three years, Dick Heap has been sitting on his back doorstep on Crescent Street watching the Whitin baseball games at Vail Field. He claims a half dollar is always ready if he is asked to make a donation. Not to be outdone by Dick, his neighbor, John Skeary, has started repairing his garage roof, with no intention of completing it until the end of summer.

Felix Kempinski, a candid camera fiend from Department 421, apparently doesn't mind the gutter. During the drum corps competition in Webster he was seen in a prone position taking snaps of the majorettes as they marched along.

Roger Brissette, our only World War II Marine veteran, was out two days last week. To our surprise, we find he is getting soft and can't take it. His wife made him clean the stones from the garden which resulted in a sore back for Roger. We thought Marine officers were tough.

Bertha Ledoux of crib No. 16 went modern last week with a new ballerina skirt and now we find she must discard it as she was getting tangled in anything that stood four inches above the floor.

For two men who are considered sober and conscientious, John Sulyma and Charlie Vear should not discuss strawberries so that others can hear. Especially when they talk about them with two and one-half inch diameters.

Ernest Lunn is still trying to catch fish at the Cape. Three week ends, no luck.

Martin Lund and Frank Adams are thinking of spending their vacation at Utica, N. Y.

Ed Dennett is in Canada. Good luck, Ed.

Harry Antoian after arriving from the South was sent to New Jersey on another erecting job.

James Liberty bought a row boat so he and his dog can sail on the Mumford River.

James Connors is planning to spend his vacation around Fenway Park and Arcade Pond. Good luck, Jim.

George Armston is still looking for his jet plane, but is still going to Spring Valley for his vacation.

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Suggestion Awards Granted for the Month of May and June, 1948

Dept.	Name	Suggestion	Award
489	William C. Kidd	47-713	$330.00
489	Peter VanderSloot	46-56 (Additional)	110.00
	Initial award of $110.00 was granted June 17, 1947		
411	Leon Atteridge Clarence Beauregard	47-373 (Additional)	75.00
	Initial award of $60.00 was granted June 17, 1947		
437	Fred A. Brown	48-130	30.00
414	James A. Spooner	48-154	18.00
449	Leo Menard	48-85	15.00
411	William Magill	46-83 (Additional)	12.00
	Initial award of $20.00 was granted December 10, 1946		
427	William L. Lyman	48-45	10.00
406	Francis H. Julian	48-142	5.00
406	Francis H. Julian	48-143	5.00
407	William McGee	48-88	5.00
410	Robert Anderson	48-133	5.00
411	H. Dean MacKinnon	48-60	5.00
412	Adelard Desrosiers	48-172	5.00
421	Henry F. Hall	48-189	5.00
424	Hector W. Chase	48-185	5.00
427	William L. Lyman	47-668	5.00
427	John L. Stanovich	48-83	5.00
439	Ernest A. Adams	48-177	5.00
439	James T. Brown	48-110	5.00
443	John Skeary	48-37	5.00
443	John Skeary	47-512	5.00
444	Joseph J. Limanek	48-203	5.00
448	Clinton White	48-105	5.00
449	Leo Menard	48-196	5.00
454	Russell Bailey	48-79	5.00
454	Vincent Cotnoir	48-140	5.00
462	Louis W. Austin	48-94	5.00

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FREIGHT HOUSE

by J. Harold Baszner

Two new girls have been added to the clerical staff of the freight office. Miss Virginia Deome and Miss Frances Von Flatern. We hope they will like their stay here.

In a recent trip to Boston to see the Boston Braves play the St. Louis Cardinals, the boys of the freight office went in a group. They stopped at the Blacksmith Shop on the turnpike for supper. The freight house jester, Elwin Elliott by name, had everyone, including the personnel, in stitches. We know now why Clarence Bisson kept making the wrong turns—Elliott was back-seat driving.

On the 29th of June all the freight office personnel went to a baseball game in Boston to see the Braves and Pittsburgh play. If you were listening, the squealing you heard wasn't the radio but the "gang."

BOLT & PLANER DEPTS.

by Ray Woodcome

The Planer Job went on a deep-sea fishing trip, June 19. Leo Brouillard of Department 412 caught the largest fish and Jack Barrett caught the smallest one. Nineteen so-called fishermen went on the trip. Dick Van Dyke, who boasts of being a natural-born fisherman, didn't have too much luck and said he is giving up fishing for his new duties as tree warden for the Town of Millville. The next time the boys go fishing they hope to see more sun and less rain.

Doris Richards of Department 412 has concluded her duties in the Shop.

Everyone in Department 412 is wondering what the big attraction is in Manchaug that has Johnny Steele, Jr., traveling up there so much. (We wonder if it isn't Frances?)

Ten-year service pins are being proudly worn by Alice Bassett, Roxie Asadoorian, Veronica Mahoney, and Joseph Lavallee.

A weenie roast was held on June 17 at Manchaug Pond by the Planer Job Social Club. Everyone had plenty to eat—Bill Baszner didn't show up (thanks to your reporter).

Birthdays were celebrated by Barbara Haines on June 25; by Sudy Asadoorian on June 29; by Gordon Boutilier on June 16; by Joe Hern on June 8; and by Roxie Asadoorian on June 25.

ROVING SMALL PARTS

by Betty McCudden

Jack O'Brien did what he thought was a good deed the other Saturday. The day was bright and sunny so Jack took a stroll down to the center of the Town. As he passed Ovian Square he noticed his buddy, Fred Tucker, of the job, standing with his hat held out to the public. Jack being a good Samaritan thought Fred was seeking a donation and dropped a coin into the hat. Before Fred could gather his thoughts on the matter he received coins from other sympathetic individuals. No matter what Fred thinks, we think it was pretty thoughtful of Jack to help out a friend.

Our best wishes for a quick recovery go to Archie Ledue who has been spending the past few weeks in the hospital.

Vivian Thurlow and Dean Perkins along with Dean's family went to Maine a couple of weeks ago to visit Dean's mother who is ill. I imagine everyone has heard of the women drivers and Vivian and Dean can confirm your thoughts for one of them sideswiped their car. Fortunately, no one was hurt although the car was damaged and the rest of the trip was made by bus.

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Sports Talk

by Harold Case

After a "slightly" damp spring, the sun finally shone for some softball and baseball games. For a while it looked as though some games would be played well after Labor Day. However, at this writing I don't believe that there are more than two postponed softball games left to be played. I read in the newspaper that one league in Worcester was more than fifty games behind in its schedule. Due to the unfavorable weather the WMW Blackstone Valley League team was behind schedule in playing four out of their first five games and one tie game. By sandwiching in an extra game here and there, this league is now pretty well up to date.

I postponed up to the last minute sending my column to the editors so that I could give you the team standings in the Recreation League. The Gym team changed everything by defeating the Rockdale Legion in a postponed game, thereby tying the Legion with the K of C team. One other team, Fred's Restaurant, is in the running, making possible a three-way tie for first. I'll try to get the League standings for this page before the SPINDLE goes to press.

Competition in the Pops League is not so close. There is a lot of fight between the Office and Dick's Sunoco team which is managed by Walt Lawton. Walt's club is undefeated the first time around, and the Office dropped a one-run game to the Sunocos for their only loss. The Riverdale Booters and the Eagles from Uxbridge are next in order. Judging by the record, it seems that these will be the four teams in the final playoffs.

It is too early in the season to form an opinion as to which teams will lead in the Blackstone Valley League, but I'll string along with the Whitin team to finish up front along with Drapers. You never know what Douglas will come up with in the way of star players, but I am still with the local boys to come through.

Coach Williams appears to have a very strong pitching staff with Fran Lash, Bill Taft, Andy McAuliffe, and several others to give him strength and plenty of depth from which to pick. All of the boys seem to be able to get their share of hits and, after a half dozen games, Captain Ratcliffe and Nina Iofolla appear to be the heavy stickers. Jack is hitting for .315 which is a good clip in anybody's league. This month the editors are introducing you to all of the players. Now that you know them, go on out and yell for the Whitin team and let them know we are all behind them.

BLACKSTONE VALLEY LEAGUE
(Through July 6)

	W.	L.		W.	L.
Hopedale	10	3	Uxbridge	6	6
Douglas	9	5	Milford	6	8
Whitin's	9	6	S. Grafton	3	10
Marquette	7	5	Rockdale	3	10

SOFTBALL

Pops' League—First Half

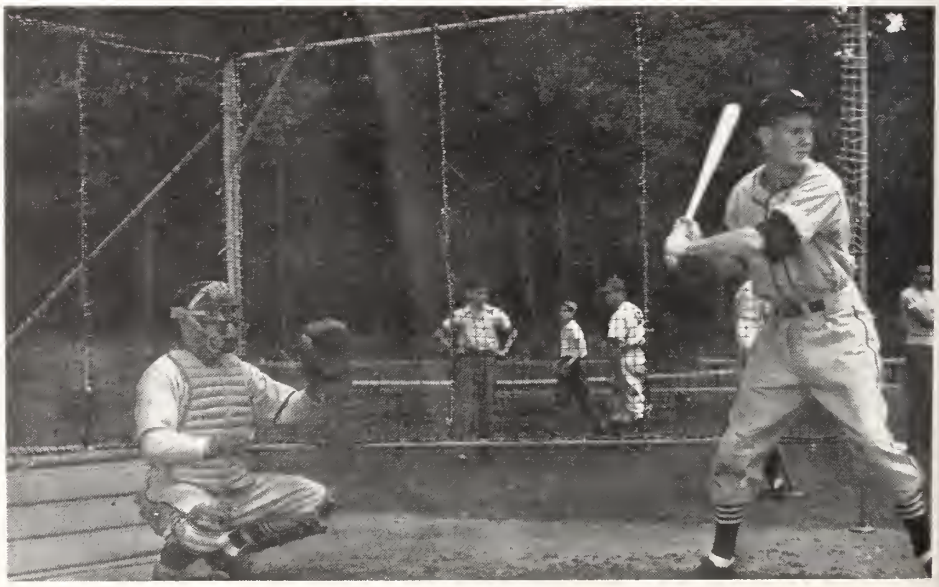
	W.	L.
A.M.W. Office	8	1
Dick's Sunoco	8	1
Riverdale Booters	5	4
F.O.E.	3	6
Mizzy's	2	7
Roll Job	1	8

Recreation League—First Half

	W.	L.
American Legion	11	3
K. of C.	11	3
Fred's Restaurant	10	4
Kupfer Bros.	9	5
Papetti Motors	6	8
Gym	5	8
Linwood	2	11
Green Lantern	1	13

WHITIN'S BASEBALL CLUB

Front row: Andy Hoekstra, batboy; Bobbie Holmes, batboy; "Hickey" Healey, assistant coach; Jackie Feehan, shortstop; Jackie Ratcliffe, outfield; Eddie Collins, first base; Bob Fribert, third base; Francis Harrington, utility infielder. Second row: Bill Donovan, pitcher; Bob McConnell, utility; Don DiMott, outfield; Charlie Malkasian, assistant coach; Dick Preble, pitcher; Charles Taylor, pitcher; George Faulkner, outfield; George Patterson, second base. Third row: Randy Edwards, outfield; Frannie Lash, pitcher; Geoff Heavener, pitcher; Martin Hagerty, pitcher; Jack Fitzgibbons, catcher; Terry Ryan, catcher; Bennie Colonero, pitcher



Batting practice. Rusty Malkasian catching, Jack Fitzgibbons batting

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TOOL JOB

by Shirley Oby

Chet Frieswick, one of our repair men, is being treated in Memorial Hospital for injuries received recently in an auto accident. We all wish you speedy recovery, Chet, and hope you will be back with us soon.

For a while the other day the Tool Job thought that Ed Postma and Archie Bolivar were putting on a wrestling match in the middle of the Tool Room alley. Ed came dashing from behind the oil cabinet and smashed into Archie who was sauntering carelessly along the alley. They collided and went into a clinch. Archie survived the crash like a veteran but was forced to revive Ed with a drink of cold water. After a trip to the Shop Hospital, where he was treated for a large lump on the forehead, Ed managed to survive the day. Perhaps Ed will be more careful from now on about dashing out of unseen corners.

Newton Murray, of the Grinding Department, has just returned from a five months' stay in Dallas, Texas.

On June 5, the boys from the Tool and Cutter Room along with others from various departments, went on a deep-sea fishing trip. Everybody had a grand time; proper refreshments were served to quench the thirst. A $10 prize was awarded to Dick Bosma, Jr., for the largest fish caught and, of course, Francis Jacobs received $5.00 for the smallest catch. Even the rain, when it came, could not dampen the gay spirits of our fishermen.

OFFICE NEWS

by Dorothy Webster

From the Payroll Computation Department, Claire Metivier gives us the following news.

Welcome to Lillian Malkasian and Edith Bishop, who have joined the Payroll Computation Department Staff.

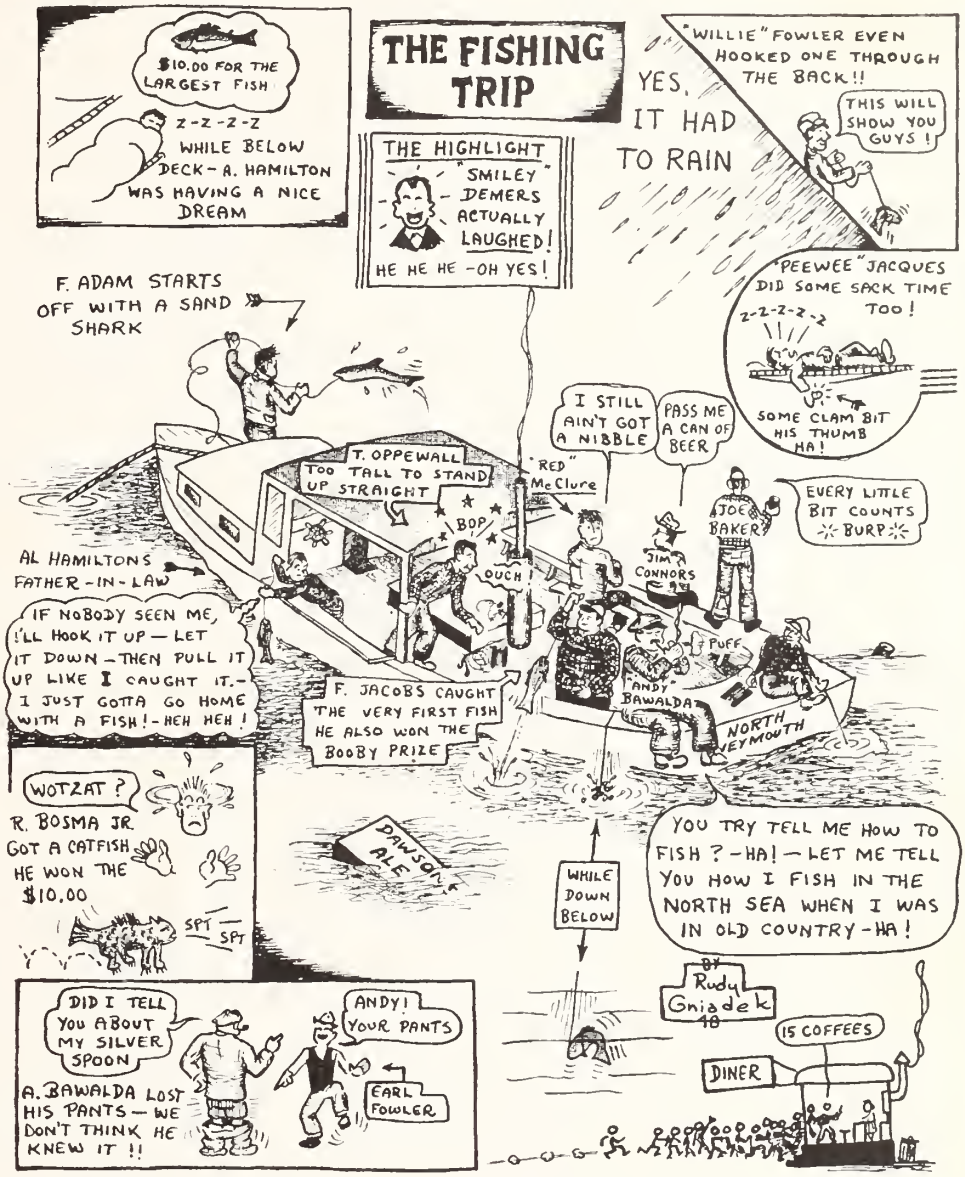
A few of our young ladies gave up their diets for one night to sample the delicious fried chicken and spaghetti offered by the Bocce Club. Can we blame them?

The Computation Department has a pretty little lass by the name of Madeleine Cadorette, who has a special knack for knitting Argyle socks. Oh, that lucky boy friend.

Charles Lufty found a "short cut" from Mendon to Whitinsville. He landed in Douglas and was half an hour late in returning to work. He still insists that his new route is a short cut. Have you ever tried it via Philadelphia, Charles?

The Repair Department welcomes Miss Esther Albin of Uxbridge. We wish Esther success in her work.

Orrin Austin and family spent an interesting week end in New York this past month. They visited with Orrin's brother-in-law and they also visited at West Point.



Wanted—An instructor in the art of horseback riding. One who will guarantee his pupils will be able to stay on the horse.

Signed—Reggie Rascoe
Repair Department

We understand that Ted Trench of the Wage Standards Department is inviting the members of the department down to Marblehead for a lobster dinner. Sounds like a good deal, Ted.

A word of warning: Don't ever invite Klauke out for dinner. Does he love to eat!

Everybody who attended the party for Babe Risa and Betty Mullaly had a good time. Good luck to both Babe and Betty from employees of the Wage Standards Department.

From the Methods Department we hear that Doris Freitas recently returned from a motor trip to Detroit. How was the trip, Doris, and why didn't you bring us a new Ford?

Miss Isabelle Hagopian and Miss Frances Kane are hoping for warm weather when they take their vacation trip to Hampton Beach. Watch out for that old sun, girls.

Mrs. Harry Osterman, the former Priscilla Kane of the Methods Department, has left us to take up her new duties as a telephone operator at the Uxbridge exchange. Good luck, Priscilla.

Mr. Walter Frieswick and family recently returned from a motor trip to New Jersey. We heard that son David wanted to give all his dimes away to the collectors en route along the Merritt Highway.

Have you noticed Emil Zywien sailing around town in his new car? We understand that he has named it the "Mayflower." Why the odd name, Emil?

Miss Mary Mooradian has very graciously agreed to be our reporter in the Methods Department. She takes over the duties formerly handled by Dick Rau. Thank you, Mary, for this month's contribution and thank you, Dick, for your former interest.

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GEORGE ESTES AND FRANK STONE ON THE WHITIN GOLF COURSE

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Alice Ferguson of the Main Office tells us that Gert Barlow has been beaming around the office ever since she became a great-aunt. Congratulations, Gert, and thanks for the chocolates.

We welcome these girls who have come back to help us in the Main Office during the summer months: Margaret Tracy, Mary Kooistra, Marion Deboer, and Norma Jackson.

New faces in the Cost Department:

Margaret Shurick, after one week's apprenticeship was drafted from Department 417 time board—a Blackstoneite, brunette, and young.

Mary Gibbons also joined us fresh out of George Moran's Department. She hails from Millville. We welcome these two girls into our department.

Joe Krol, from Uxbridge—understand he does right well at baseball. I'm sure he'll make a hit with us.

Bob Gerard, a Hill College grad, who served a short stay on Baker's job in the Foundry, will endeavor to give us up-to-the-minute costs on roving frames. We extend a welcome to these two boys.

We regret to see our Eileen Carney leaving. She is joining the payroll department of General Motors in Framingham. She was our watchdog in connection with subcontracts. We will miss her brisk wit. Best of luck, Eileen, at your new job.

Don Rae, first 1948 vacationist in the department, flew to Moosehead Lake for a week's fishing and relaxation. Inquired as to why the early vacation—"anything to get away from this rainy season," was the reply.

Oscar Erickson of the Cost Department, a member of the Office team, hit a ball at home plate the other night and was so surprised he forgot to run to first base. He just stood there dazed.

Vacation trips planned by members of the Master List Department up to press time are as follows:

Ernest Parker and wife, trip to Utica and Buffalo.

Anne Briand and family to Cape Cod.

Ethel Braman and friends to Old Orchard Beach, Me.

Gordon Boutilier and family to Nova Scotia.

Alice Damarjian and friends to the Cape

Paddy White and family to Hampton Beach.

The Master List Department welcomes two newcomers to the Mailing Department, Phyllis Randall and Dorothy Hayes. We also note that Valerie Norton has left us to spend the summer months at Martha's Vineyard.

We hear that Ray Tebeau of the Master List Department forgot to come to work the other morning because he became so engrossed in the unloading of some new Fords. Ray longs for a new Ford and was oblivious to Time when he saw not one, but several new cars at one time.

Gordon Boutilier and Paddy White are happy to report that at last Herbie Lightbown has his boiler fixed. He can now make his favorite clam chowder.

The fellows in the Master List Department want to know why Jim Davidson hurts his finger severely *every year* playing softball.

The No. 2 Office wish to extend a hearty welcome to Bob Primo who joined their staff recently. Bob formerly worked in the Methods Department.

Mary Morin has been doing anything but what comes naturally. First, she tried to do a flying trapeze act by flying through the air, *without* the greatest of ease, and landed across the tracks near the Douglas Street parking area. The next day she tried again to fly but this time it was to catch a fly while playing catch with Ben. Another casualty—her finger this time. Description—"A limp in her gait and a sore finger supplied by her mate," or as another put it, "Mary had a little lamb but now she is a little lame."

The Michaliks, Mie and Dot, spent a week end that was a week end in New York. They attended the wedding of Al Morin of the Tool Job and Eileen Hurley of Jackson Heights, N. Y. John O'Connell, the postman, was there, too, and he really showed them around the town. Subways, stairs, escalators, elevators, busses, taxis and oh—our feet. Yes, a week end of week ends and a week of weeks to recuperate.

Also John Cunningham, superintendent, did some reeuperating recently. Mr. C. had his wisdom teeth extracted. A note of sympathy to him. We know just how that must have felt.

Mystery: Who is the busiest man in No. 2 Office. Bob Primo solved this, so he thought, stating that Earl Hammond is so busy in the shop that he never has time to come into the office until about 3.30 in the afternoon. We'll let you in on something, Bob—Earl probably is quite busy when he starts but he doesn't start until after 4 o'clock since he is our *night* superintendent. Surprise!

Everyone is happy to see Louie Chabot back at his desk. Louie has been ill but is tip top once more and quite busy setting up his new residence on Spring Street.

Ken Benner spent some time in Maine recently but did not get in any of the salmon fishing. He has a cottage in the pines at Webster Lake, however, so he will be trying his skill at casting come the warm weather. We'll be waiting for his tales of the one that got away not to mention those delightful stories of the sharklike kivvers he caught.

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Hobby—FLOWERS AND FANCIES

Can you imagine a hobby so interesting that an individual enjoys pursuing it for at least thirty hours each week end? Bill Norman finds floral design and the arranging and coloring of flowers so engrossing that he revels in the pastime every free moment.

Bill arranges a bouquet of mixed flowers

Bill's hobby began in a small garden at the rear of his home. At first Bill raised only seedlings and plants for himself and his friends. Before long he received so many requests for seedlings and plants that he was unable to grant them all. He then decided to grow plants commercially.

In the summer of 1944, with the assistance of a partner and fellow enthusiast, Bill enlarged his greenhouse and built an additional greenhouse. After the physical expansion of his facilities, he experimented with the dyeing of flowers. Bill can change and blend the natural colors of flowers to suit the taste of even those who wish to gild the lily. He has studied intently floral arrangement and designing of floral decorations, and has become expert in making unusually attractive floral pieces.

In connection with his growing of flowers, Bill has become adept in the analysis of soil. Bill can almost tell you how many particles are contained in a square inch of soil and whether you should grow petunias or onions in that particular soil.

Bill is a versatile and many-sided person. His curiosity knows no bounds and often leads him into enthusiastic support of a new hobby. As might be expected, Bill is also an ardent stamp collector and his British collection has taken first honors at an exhibition. He is also an amateur magician and delights his friends with his impromptu performances. Often Bill puts on a special show for shut-ins. In his spare time Bill finds opportunity to dabble in the development of color photography.

All of these hobbies are time-consuming, but Bill points out that with so many diverse interests, his hobbies haven't a chance of growing stale. His chief hobby, however, is, as he enthusiastically describes it, "Flowers from My Glass Gardens."

In addition, Bill in his Glass Gardens, can produce and furnish practically anything in the flower line, from violets to orchids. He has experimented extensively with orchids and has successfully raised some very fine blossoms.

At the right: Exterior view of greenhouses and flower shop

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Friday evening, June 18, the men of the Personnel Department attended the baseball game between the Cincinnati Reds and the Boston Braves at Braves Field. Russell Whiting purchased the tickets and when Henry Crawford inquired if there were any poles in the section where they were to sit, Russell assured him that there were no poles near by. Six innings passed before Henry saw any of the game. No poles, eh?

Mary Deane has joined the Personnel Department again this year to help out for the summer months.

Elizabeth Spence is leaving the Personnel Department in the near future to travel to California, where she will be married to Alfred Holt of Uxbridge. Mr. Holt was employed in our Experimental Room at one time.

Miss Flora Frieswyk of the Drafting Department gives us the following news regarding her fellow workers:

Mr. James C. Hobbs has been appointed assistant chief engineer in charge of wool and worsted machinery.

Francis Zurowski graduated from Worcester Junior College, June 15. He studied mechanical engineering for four years at night school. Our congratulations to him.

We welcome Andrew Kooistra back for another summer. He is specializing in painting at the Boston Museum School of Fine Arts.

Robert Firth leaves for California at the end of June to live with relatives. He plans to attend school there.

The following vacations have been planned by employees of the Drafting Department:
Mr. Robert F. Keeler and family will vacation at Campton Pond, Plymouth, N. H., in July.

William T. Brosnihan is planning to spend the week of the Fourth at Narragansett Park, R. I.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Boudreau plan to spend a few days of their July vacation at York Beach, Me.

Mr. and Mrs. James Roddy will spend two weeks of July at their cottage in Jerusalem, R. I.

Leo Roy of the Stock Room claims to be the only person who has rowed a boat backwards with the anchor dragging. At least he did that very thing at Lake Nipmuc the other night. John Mahoney who passed this bit of information along said it really happened. John admitted to Leo that he, John, did not know how to row a boat, as John put it, "Hey Roy, I don't know how to row a boat, but I do know that it's taking us one devil of a long time to cross this lake."

The Production Department held its second dance Friday evening, June 18, at the Pastime Club in Douglas. The affair was well attended and everyone had a good time. "Haddo" Kelliher entertained at intermission with a medley of old minstrel tunes. Incidentally, if there is another dance, the Production Department is going to prepare road maps so that Roy Guillet, central planner for 417 and 418 will be able to find the hall. Roy left Worcester early enough to make the party but somehow he almost landed in Webster. He started to backtrack a little and accidentally came across the Pastime Club, a pretty lucky thing, too, for Roy reports that he was getting low on gas and had visions of hiking five or six miles to a gas station.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

A birthday party was held May 23, at the Town Club in Worcester, in honor of Emma Proulx of the Purchase Inspection Department. Those attending were, left to right: Curtis Card, Jack Wile, Mrs. Wile, Irene Vermette, Veronica Lucier, Joe Lucier, Emma Proulx, Vivian Dumais, Mrs. Ethel Thompson, Annis Jardine, Yvonne Youngsma, and John Youngsma

Congratulations to Ann McCann of the Production Department and Dot Hanley of Department 429, both of whom celebrated their wedding anniversaries June 22 at Flagg's Drugstore with a ten cent cone of ice cream.

Lawrence Keeler, associate editor of THE WHITIN SPINDLE has returned, well tanned from a fishing trip to Nova Scotia. Larry reports catching at least twenty nice big trout.

SPINNING SMALL PARTS

by Norman Deshaies

Eva Mongeau was seen knitting a pair of booties during the lunch hour and everybody is speculating about whose little feet will wear the booties. Some say Leo Collins will get them.

Congratulations to Dave Clark who was elected an "Outside Guard" in the Union election held last week.

We wish to congratulate also John Campbell, our grievance man, who was elected a Trustee of Local 3654 for two years.

Dave Clark is certainly acquiring this world's goods. Besides his new Cadillac, he recently bought a $400 television set. He has invited all of his fellow workers to his house for the All-Star Game in St. Louis which will be televised. He promises to treat us to a fried egg supper. Should we hobnob with this plutocrat?

Baker and his helper, Don Simmons, can be heard all day long arguing about anything and everything. Don is an ardent Yankee fan while Baker favors Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, St. Louis, and all points west. It seems Simmons will have a tough job beating out Mr. Baker's choice.

We wish to welcome back to the shop Frank Fahey, our former timekeeper. Frank had been in Cushing General Hospital for three months.

Florence Zeroogian was seen trying on dresses in a store. She looked very smart, but apparently disliked the new look because she left the store without making a purchase. We asked her why she didn't like the new style and were informed: "I don't want people to think I'm going to bed when I'm really getting ready to step out."

Gerry Lalanecette claims he can travel the whole Quaker Highway from Uxbridge to Slatersville in exactly three minutes. The distance is five miles and anyone covering it in three minutes is likely to lead a parade of town constables.

Dave Clark arrived home late one night to find his wife, Nancy, had locked him out of the house. Now, every time the record "Open the Door, Richard" is played over the sound system, a couple of the boys gather around Dave Clark and torment him with, "Open the door, Nancy."

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bedard of North Uxbridge, who work in this department, will celebrate their thirty-seventh wedding anniversary on July 17. They were married in Linwood, Mass., on July 17, 1911. Mr. Bedard is employed as a drill hand, and Mrs. Bedard is a drill operator.

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RING JOB

by Everett A. Gaspar

Our time clerk, Stella Stavinski, of Blackstone, went to New York over the Memorial Day week end and took along three big lollypops, supposedly for her little nieces and nephews. Tuesday morning we asked her if the youngsters liked the lollypops and she said, "They certainly did and so did I." No fooling, Stella, who ate them?

We would all liked to have seen the expression on Arthur "Blackstone" Flinton's face when he drove into the filling station in Linwood and the wheel came off his car and went rolling down the road. He says no damage—just a "sprung" wheel.

The question of the month—Where did Dick Lemay get all those "flashy" T-shirts that he is sporting lately? Oh, that red one!

Roger Makowski, one of the night shift grinders had a very sore eye after an emery wheel broke and hit him. He is back again after a short vacation, which he was unable to enjoy because he couldn't read or even go to the movies.

We miss Ernie Glode and Dave Hemingway who have been transferred to the second shift.

There are several new faces on the job lately: Donald Fagnant from Woonsocket; Alfred Deraleau from Blackstone; Marjorie Crawford home for the summer from Westminster; Patricia Walsh home for the summer from the University of Massachusetts; Stuart Spratt recently of Northbridge High; Betty Rae who is home for the summer from Bay Path; and Henry Larrabee of Gorham, Maine, a student at Boston University. To all of these young people we say, "Welcome."

Sid Frieswyk and Joe Witek spent a lot of time at Riley's Pond trying to catch a trout. I'm still waiting for the one you promised me, Sid!

SPINNING DEPARTMENT

by Francis J. Horan

We have had the pleasure of greeting quite a few roadmen these past few weeks. Among those in to say, "Hello," were: Jack O'Brien, Bert Bliss, Mike Pontes, George Blair, Bill Smith and Nap Millette. "Nap" informed us he is now making his home in Austell, Ga. He has been employed by W.M.W. since 1906.

Bill Hughes, another roadman, is convalescing after an operation. Bill was stricken while on duty out of town.

Sounds in the day! "Play with ya," "Firsties," "Carnival in Rockdale," "My father can lick your father," "Hi Ho, Silver," "I got you first." Wonderful for kids on vacation, but mother's hair is getting grey.

Bill Wilson leaving for Pittsburgh, Pa., caused much eyebrow lifting. Bill's brother Alec did this a few years ago and came back with a bride. Could history repeat?

Bob Giacomelli was honored at a bachelor party in the Sorrento Room in Milford. Over a hundred guests were present and Bob was the recipient of a wallet and purse.

Arthur Taylor is recuperating after an operation at Memorial Hospital. Armenouhi Bagdasarian is back at work after her leave of absence and is now giving French lessons to Bill LeClair.

Bob Ferguson, former roadman, has been promoted to service man. We all wish Bob the best of luck in his new position.

Mrs. Susan Rice accompanied by her daughter, Margaret, will leave for Scotland, August 21, on the "Queen Elizabeth" to visit her mother, sister, and brother who reside in Clydebank.

Mrs. Annie Scott, wife of Ben Scott, will also make the trip on the same liner. Mrs. Scott will be accompanied by her daughter, Eilleen, and will visit relatives and friends in Dundee.

Also Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Cunningham are crossing the Atlantic. While Mr. Cunningham is setting up machinery in Eire and Iceland, Mrs. Cunningham will stay with relatives in Scotland.

BOLSTER JOB

by Bizar Hagopian

We think we have discovered how Charlie Kheboian ruptured his eardrums. This item in Walter Winchell's column told the story: "Dr. A. H. Rice of Berkeley, California, says ruptured eardrums can result from an overzealous kiss." Do you agree with Dr. Rice, Charlie?

We extend our best wishes to Vinton Hood whose birthday was celebrated the 26th of May with a party during the noon hour. Also, many happy returns of "the day in June" to Harriet Malkasian (June 4) and Charlie Kheboian (June 22).

GEAR JOB

by Jennie Ozog

We, of Department 420, welcome Peter Jongsma and George Holt as our new foreman and assistant foreman respectively. We feel confident that under such pleasant and able supervision this Department will continue to function, as in the past, with smoothness and efficiency. Best of luck to both you men in your new ventures!

Mary Asadoorian reports on the Department's trip to Braves Field, May 28. If the Braves lost the ball game it was no fault of Department 420. That's where all the voices were left. En route to the game our bus was far from quiet. To start us off, Mac McClure insisted we see his wedding pictures. Ask him and he may show you. We're still waiting to see them. Our "life of the party" Ray Larochelle serenading Mrs. Peter Jongsma with "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" had the "boss" a little worried, but never mind, Pete, your little Dutch song made a big hit. Oh, yes, our French chorus led by Ray did a fine job and the famous "Alouette" brought Roland Dion and Emil Roy to life. Those French boys certainly can sing. Helen Wigersma was camera shy and wouldn't let our photographer, Doris Roy, snap her picture. With *very little* persuasion from Ray we think we have a picture for the SPINDLE. Our bus driver, Dinty Moore, is tops with us and hope he will drive for us the next time. Dinty was very coöperative. Ken Harrington's hat made a big hit with all the boys. It was tried on by all and we think Gerard Larochelle looked handsome in it. It's a good thing he has two ears to hold it up. Bernie Skillens bought a souvenir baseball bat for his little fellow and who knows but someday you may see a future Ted Williams. Alec Jongsma was without his cigar for a few minutes and we think Jim Magowan knows the reason. If you have your voice back Jim maybe you can tell us. Now why did Ray have to ask George Holt how the Red Sox made out? George saw the scoreboard, Ray, and you didn't have to rub it in, especially

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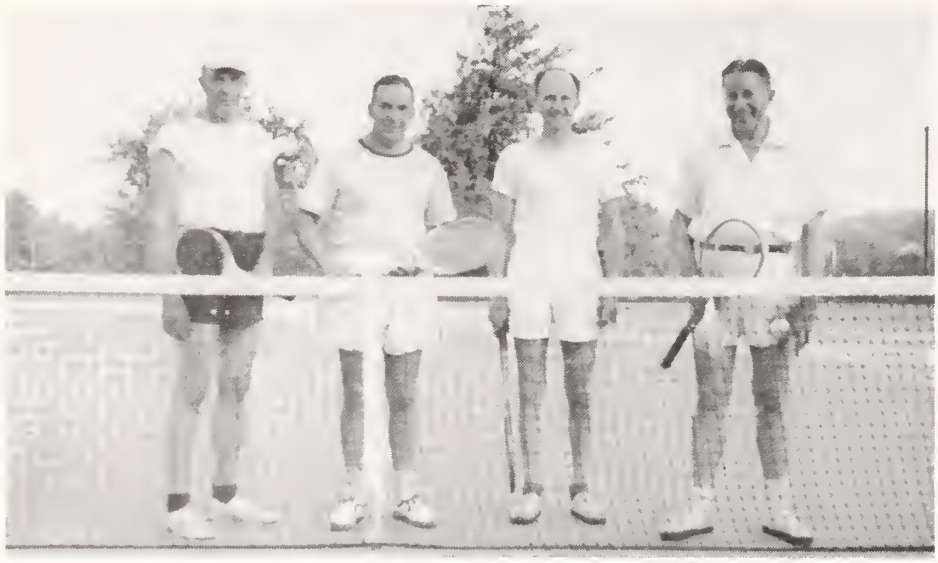

This foursome of tennis experts have been playing tennis together for the last fifteen years. Left to right: Paul Wenzell, Uxbridge; Howard Wilbur, Charlie Pearson; Howard Holbrook, Uxbridge. Wilbur and Pearson are the doubles champs of Whitinsville

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in front of Mrs. Holt. We invaded a small restaurant in Milford for coffee. A stranger would think we hadn't eaten for weeks. We bet after Frank Cronin, from the Bolt Job, got through eating, they had no more food left in the place. Of course, we found out it is almost impossible to sleep on a bus, especially with Chick Winchell sitting in back of you. Boy Scout Winchell wanted to make sure everyone was having a good time. We certainly did and we want to thank Ray Larochelle and Alfred Matte for making the arrangements. We hope to make a similar trip with the same fun-loving gang. The famous last words of the evening were, "Say, Pete, want to see my wedding pictures?"

FOUNDRY

by Varkis Arakelian

Dave Longmuir reporting this month for Varkis informs us that Haig Karagosian is on leave of absence and has entered a Boston hospital for an operation. Our good wishes are extended to Haig and we all hope for his speedy recovery and early return to work.

Rene Moyen is in Newport Naval Hospital for an appendicitis operation. We hope that Rene's operation is successful and that a speedy recovery will allow him to return to work posthaste.

Several members of the Foundry have received cards from Pete DeBoer, who has received a leave of absence to visit his parents in Holland. Pete describes conditions over there as being very poor and reminds us that we, in America, have much for which to be thankful.

We welcome back to work Arsen Ovian, who was out for several weeks due to a hernia operation. Arsen, while not quite up to par, is doing well and has worked every day since his return.

THE YARD & OUTSIDE CREWS

by Bill Scanlon

The best tale of the day is credited to Jackie Barrett. Jackie said, "I know a man whose nose is so red he had to get a permit from the forest fire warden to fish in dry seasons."

Baldy White can't understand why they put only one door on a dog house. After all, the dog house traffic is terrific.

"Rudy" Vallee says "Smooch" Tower gets more mileage out of his thumb than he ever did out of his tires.

Lester Wallace is home from the hospital and back on the job.

Pete Prymac, back from his honeymoon, seems to be right in the pink.

Now we know the reason why Eddie Connors catches so many fish. He was caught feeding vitamins to the worms.

Obituary

Members of Department 420 extend their deepest sympathy to John Blaine on the sudden death of his wife, Almeda Blaine.

On Saturday, June 5, Michael Tessicini, who worked on the Herman Machines as a Mold Finisher, died suddenly after a long illness. His many friends extend their sympathy.

Monday, June 14, Mrs. Arakelian, wife of Kazar and mother of Varkis, died suddenly. Mrs. Arakelian had been ailing for some months. We extend our deepest sympathy.

The Ring Job expresses its sympathy to two of its fellow workers on the death of parents: Grace Griffin on the death of her mother, Mrs. Isaac Campbell, on May 30, and William Guertin on the death of his father, Mr. Arthur Guertin of North Uxbridge.

The officials and employees of the Main Office wish to extend to Mrs. Edna Bergquist their deepest sympathy on the death of her brother Raymond Bergeron of Chicago. Mr. Bergeron was formerly a resident of Whitinsville.

Department 421 extends its sympathy to the widow and children of Arthur Gauthier. Arthur, one of our senior employees with a service record of 42 years, passed away June 13 after a two-week illness.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Mrs. Rose Proulx on the recent death of her husband, John.

Sympathy is extended to Zarius Forget, of Linwood, whose mother passed away recently.

Members of the Gear Job extend sympathy to George Guertin on the death of his father, Arthur Guertin.

30 YEARS AGO

Standing: Joe Burns, William O'Neil, Joe Spence, Del Duhamel, Frank McSheehy, William McSheehy. Sitting: Buck Herberts, Sally Jones, Frank Scribner, Tom Melia, and William Prior

MARRIAGES and ENGAGEMENTS

Norman Wood of the Production Department was married, June 5, to Agnes Gillam of Milford. We wish you both many years of happiness.

Mary Bousquet of our office staff at 416 was married to John Tebeau, of Department 444, in St. Patrick's Church on Saturday, June 26, at 9 o'clock.

On May 29 in the Notre Dame Church in Worcester, William Guertin of the Ring Job married Doris M. Barrette. Miss Phyllis Barrette was bridesmaid for her sister and Emile Guertin, of the Stock Room, was best man for his brother. They will reside in Worcester.

On June 5, Cecelia LeBlanc, of the Ring Job, and Edward Fournier were married in St. Patrick's Church. Attendants were Mrs. Leona Saunders, matron of honor, and Joseph Murphy, best man. After a honeymoon to Virginia, they will reside at 7 Woodland Street, Whitinsville.

Miss Willemina Bosma of Department 427 became the bride of James Kramer of Uxbridge in a double ring ceremony on Tuesday night, June 15. She was attended by the Misses Christine Bosma, maid of honor, and Edith and Sarah Kramer as bridesmaids. One of Jim's buddies was best man. After a trip to Washington, D. C., they will reside on Douglas Street, Uxbridge. Best wishes to both of you.

Our congratulations and best wishes for a happy future go to Leo Frisk of Department 427 who took Miss Cecile Prenteau of Woonsocket for his bride on June 26.

Stanley Novack, one of our roll straighteners, has announced his engagement to Miss Mary Griffin of Dorchester, Mass. Miss Griffin at present is a waitress at the Uxbridge Inn.

Congratulations to Andrew Bombara who was married to Sophie Furno, of Douglas, on Saturday, May 29.

Best wishes to John Pouliot who was married to Theresa Trudel, in St. Louis Church, Woonsocket.

Announcement has been received of the engagement of John Lennon to Helen Petka of Wilkinsonville. Congratulations, John, and best wishes to both of you.

Best wishes to Janet Wenclawik who is to be married to Raymond Stefancyk on July 17 in Saint Stanislaus Church in Woonsocket, R. I.

Robert Giacomelli of Department 448 and Lena Puntonio were married June 19 in the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Milford.

Mrs. Doris McCray Miedema returned to work after her marriage to Harmon Miedema and a two weeks' honeymoon. Also returning to work was Mrs. Jeannette David L'Abbe after a two weeks' honeymoon.

Best wishes from Department 421 to Roland Benoit and Theresa Murphy, who were married, June 5, in the Good Shepherd Church, Linwood.

Rita Berard of the Payroll Computation came in with a sparkling piece of news recently. Rita is engaged to Albert Germain who works in Department 431. No date has been set as yet, but if you have noticed this young couple walking out of the Cafeteria at noontime you know it won't be long before the wedding bells ring.

Simone Lebrecque and Jack Gilchrist were married at the Church of the Good Shepherd, in Linwood, on Saturday, June 19. A reception followed at the Progressive Club in North Uxbridge. Good luck to Jack and Simone.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Rosborough

Congratulations and the best of luck from Department 420 to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Rosborough on their marriage which took place at St. Mary's Church, Uxbridge, on June 12.

Sophie Ellsey Buyniski and her husband have returned from their honeymoon. Their trip took them to New York, Washington, and Virginia. They were married at St. Patrick's Church, June 7, and are now living on June Street in Worcester.

The reason for the smoked glasses worn by the crew on the Test Frame is due to that dazzling rock being displayed by Phyllis Sotek. The lucky guy is Louis Kosciak of Uxbridge. Congratulations!

United in marriage on Saturday, June 12, in the Holy Family Church, were Frank Gucfa of Blackstone and Elsie Mathewson of Woonsocket. Frank works on the Bolster Job. We congratulate them and wish them the best of luck and happiness.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Polucha are receiving congratulations on the birth of their first child—a boy. Mrs. Polucha is the former Madeline Clifford, who worked in the freight office.

Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. John Sotek on the birth of a son. John is employed in Department 422.

Extending congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Martin on the birth of an 8 lb. 3 oz. daughter on June 18.

Congratulations are extended also to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lightbown on the birth of an 8 lb. 13 oz. boy on June 14.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Norman Stanley on the birth of a daughter, Barbara Ann, on June 14. Mrs. Stanley is the former Eileen Burns.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Brown of Blackstone on the birth of a son, May 26.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bartlett on the birth of their 8½ lb. son born May 19.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Tomkiewicz on the birth of a daughter. The father works on the Repair Job.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gonyor on the birth of a daughter on June 5. Bob works on the Wood Pattern Job.

A son was born to the Rev. and Mrs. David S. Evans, Jr., on June 7, in the Memorial Hospital, Worcester. They named the baby David Stanley Evans the third. Department 438, where the Rev. Mr. Evans works, congratulates the happy parents.

Serop Moscoffian, Squeezer Molder, was the proud announcer of the birth of a daughter. Our sincerest congratulations to the proud parents.

Congratulations are also extended to William Harris, janitor in the foundry, on the birth of a daughter.

Tom Kiczak, Department 416, and Mrs. Kiczak are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter born June 4 at the Woonsocket Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Keeler are receiving congratulations on the birth of a baby girl. Harley now has three boys and one girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Armand Heroux are receiving congratulations on the birth of a baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Limanek are receiving congratulations on the birth of a baby boy.

The Pattern Maker

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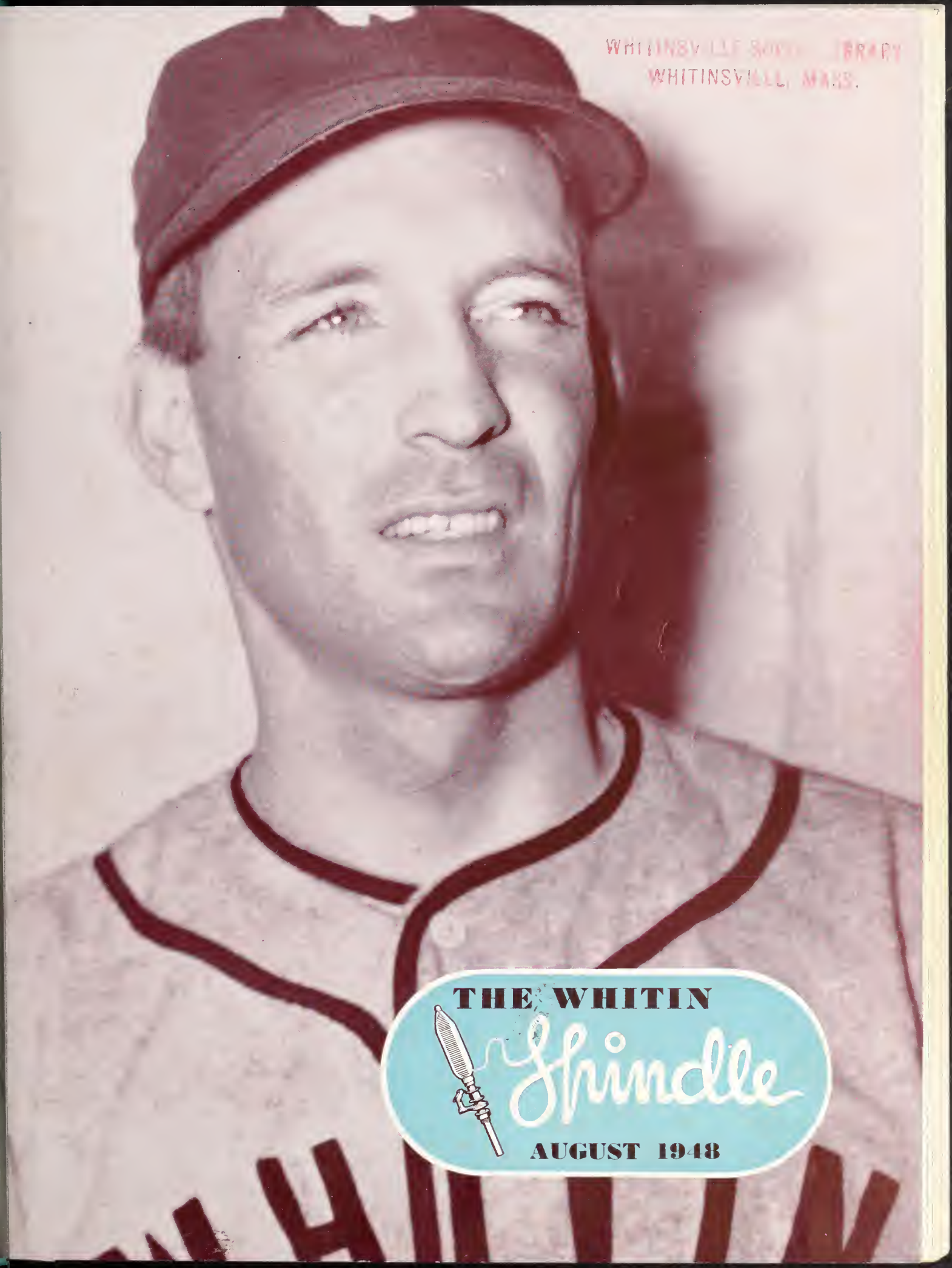

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The Children's Corner

John, three and one-half, and Judith, one year, are the children of Joseph Gouvin

Jary and Jeannie, son and daughter of Benjamin Mezynski of the Spindle Job

Doris Kellaher, Production Dept., is the mother of Paul, Beverly and Susan

Clarence Morley on the Spinning floor, is the father of Paul Stephen

Kenneth, two and one-half years, son of Harold Tatro of the Roll Job

Kathleen is the one-year-old daughter

Dennis, fifteen-month-old son of Ernest

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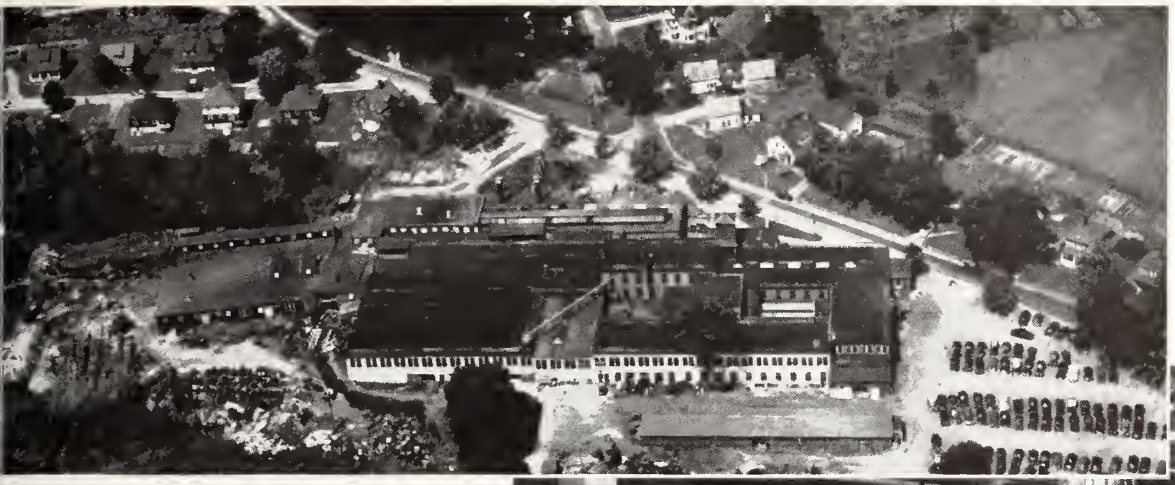

"Down East" with Whitin

In 1945 when our Company began to reconvert its plant from the manufacture of war products to the making of textile machinery, there was a large backlog of civilian orders. To speed our production, we continued to use the wartime technique of subcontracting.

Fortunately, the Fay & Scott Company in Dexter, Maine, offered to absorb a large part of our subcontract work schedules, and we engaged all of its facilities for making our Model "L" Cotton Cards and our "KFS" Drawing Frames. The arrangement with Fay & Scott worked out so well that it was changed to a more permanent relationship; in July, 1947, the plant in Dexter, Maine, became the Fayscott Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Whitin Machine Works. Your Company is now probably without doubt, the largest manufacturer of textile machinery in the world.

The Fay & Scott Company was founded in 1881 by Norman H. Fay in Dexter, which is 35 miles west-northwest of Bangor in the geographical center of Maine. The first factory was a 25′ by 70′ shop which made wood turning lathes. The present factory contains more than two acres of floor space and is fully equipped with machinery, tools, and foundry facilities. The steady growth of the Company was due to its production of lathes and special machines of such fine quality as to gain recognition throughout the machine tool industry. The fact that Fay & Scott was accus-

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At the top: Air View of the Fayscott Plant

In the middle: Card Erecting Floor

At the bottom: Drawing Erecting Floor

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tomed to producing a great variety of machines, simplified the adaptation of its facilities for the manufacture of textile machinery.

To help Fay & Scott gain proficiency in building cards, John "Red" Kortecamp (who used to be Andrew Baird's assistant) travelled to Dexter and is now a permanent resident there. Henry Bailey helps to integrate the activities of the Fayscott organization with our own by acting in a liaison capacity between the Dexter and Whitinsville plants.

The Fay & Scott plant has been the chief industry in the Dexter township for nearly five generations. Most of the plant's six hundred employes are natives of Maine and own homes in Dexter whose population is about five thousand. The workers of the Fayscott plant are proud of their skill and of their industriousness and are happy to apply their craftsmanship and integrity towards maintaining the high standards and reputation of Whitin machines.

Pouring in the Foundry

We admire the "esprit de corps" and ingenuity of the Fayscott organization and welcome it to the Whitin industrial family.

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Mary Richards was also honored by a birthday party on July 16 and presented a housecoat.

Bob Bruyere has returned to work after a month's leave. He was injured in an accident in New Hampshire when a car hit the motorcycle he was riding, severely injuring his foot.

GEAR JOB

by Ray Larochelle

Harry Thompson will be sailing for England August 24 on the U.S.S. "Nova Scotia." He will stay three months with his mother whom he hasn't seen for twenty-seven years. We all wish him a pleasant journey.

Bill Clarke considers himself very lucky to be working next to Roland Dion. Bill has moved "on top da hill" in North Uxbridge, and Roland has been teaching him French. Now Bill can keep up his good neighbor policy.

Louise and Ted Girard spent a week with friends in Norfolk, Va. They had a grand trip, but are glad to be home where it is nice and cool in comparison with that southern climate.

"Chick" Winchell and family vacationed in New Hampshire. Was it a vacation, "Chicky," or were the kiddies too much for you?

John Morin was having such a wonderful time in Canada that he stayed an extra week. Now the boys want to know what the main attraction was, but Johnny suddenly can't hear a word that is being said.

Bernie Skillens seems to be losing a little weight. We know that Mrs. Skillens is on a vacation and we are wondering, Bernie, if you are a little lonesome or is it because you can't eat your own cooking?

Irene Kalvenak did not get her beautiful tan in Florida, but in little old East Douglas. We understand her new bathing suit is "the thing."

Pop Laverdiere is sporting a new brush cut, and says he intends to keep it that way. We think he will change his mind once he starts on those skiing trips this winter.

We are sorry to say that the Department will be unable to go to any more ball games in a group. We will all miss these games. We have been informed that tickets for large parties are no longer available. However, we can still look back on the many pleasant trips we did have.

All those on the Job who wish to join the bowling team, please leave your name with "Chicky" Winchell. More details will be given to you when you sign up. Bowl your troubles away!

BOLT & PLANER DEPTS.

by Ray Woodcome

Irene Hayes is in St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester, after being operated on. We hope she is well on the road to recovery.

We are glad to have Ethel Blakely back with us after an absence of a month.

We see William Ward is up and around again. Hurry up and get well Wardie we miss you around here.

The social club of Department 414 went on an outing to Crescent Park on July 24. All enjoyed a shore dinner. The main event was a softball game between Dick VanDyke's Narragansett Chiefs and Bill Baszner's Coca Cola Aces. The brewery men won.

Leo Asadoorian is to attend the Officers' Reserve Corps training at Camp Edwards the first two weeks in August.

The following were some of the vacationists during our week of vacation: Adaline Closson, Old Orchard; Doris Rankin, Hampton Beach; Barbara Haines, Old Orchard; Babe Leclerc, Swift's Beach; Donat Roy, Canada; Jerry Bruso, Canada; Veronica Mahoney, New York City; and Gordon Boutilier, Lake Champlain.

Birthday congratulations this month go to Sophie Oleksyk, the Department 412 timekeeper, who celebrated her birthday on July 19.

PICKERS AND ROVING

by Sidney Meidema

Ralph Aubuchon had his appendix removed. They tell us he recovered so fast he was sent home before getting acquainted with any of the angels of mercy.

If anyone is interested in comparing "tans," please come to Department 421 and see Milton Crossland. After a week in Atlantic City he says no one can beat his color.

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We tip our hats to Dot Wood. She was the first in our department to go blueberry picking. Her haul was two quarts.

Our sympathies to Bill Sibley who misses the dog he had for fourteen years.

Now that Bill Hartley's new office is completed we think that the finishing touch would be a blonde secretary.

COMBER JOB

by Hector Chase

ARTHUR HAAGSMA'S TRIP TO HOLLAND

After ten and one-half days sailing time out of New York we landed at Rotterdam, Holland, May 18. Custom officials and other

ARTHUR HAAGSMA
Back at the Old Trade

formalities were quickly dispensed with and once more we were on the way to the place of destination. This time we traveled by plane and motor coach. Conditions in the Netherlands were not as bad as we had pictured, but on the other hand are a far cry from our living standards. Almost everything is on ration yet. The bread is dark and heavy, but better bread is looked for this fall. Fats are one of the hopeless items. A half pound of butter every two weeks has to do for everything. No other fats in the form of lard or oil are obtainable. American visitors are getting double ration.

On May 30, Memorial Day, we visited the U. S. A. Military cemetery at Margraten. We attended the ceremonies which were very impressive. Military Occupation Authorities and Dutch Government officials were speakers. After the services we visited the graves of two of the boys from our town—Ernest Keyes and Edward Haringa.

War damages are mainly in the large cities. The old streets or rather the heart of Rotterdam is knocked out. In the Hague, an area of a mile square has been destroyed. Groningen and Arnheim are also severely damaged and in the northern part of the country a mass of small bridges were blown up.

Another difficulty this year is that taxes have to be paid on the easy money that was made during the occupational years. I have met small business men working with one or two men who had to pay ten or fifteen thousand guilders. And many a farmer was due for an offering of fifty thousand and more. That is one of the reasons that business was a little on the dull side.

But to every good thing comes an end and also to this nice vacation. The 22nd of June arrived and it was time to sail for home again. This time we had a fast boat and the trip from Rotterdam to New York took seven days. We disembarked on the morning of June 30, a good hot day, and by the heat we knew we had landed at the right place.

ROVING SMALL PARTS

by Betty McCudden

Well, we have our great fishermen and we also have those who are not so great. It seems that sometimes we forget the great and remember things about the other, like Joe Monfreda. Joe spent part of his vacation deep-sea fishing which was very new to him. To make it short, Joe came across two flounders lying on the floor of the boat. Now Joe had never seen them before and their flat shape puzzled him so Joe asked one of the boys if it was two fish or just one cut in half!

You've all heard how silly laws can be. Well, Malcolm Sweenie can back it up be-

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U. S. Military Cemetery, Margraten, Holland

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Pawtucket High School star, Chet Nichols.

In the next game, July 18, Whitin encountered Marquette in a 10 inning duel. Whitin emerged victorious by a count of 8 to 7. This game was a joy to all the local fans for, again, the Whitin guns began to boom and 14 base hits was our team's tally for the afternoon.

In summing up the season to date, Whitin's started fast but after July 4 the Club went into a terrible batting slump and did not get out of this rut until July 18. The Club has proved to be a great defensive team in every position and its pitching must set some kind of a record for it will be noted that during their five game winning streak an average of 22 infield put-outs were made per game, which speaks very highly for the pitching staff. The infield, to show its defensive strength, has accounted for 22 double plays in 17 ball games, and leads the League in this department.

The "Spindle" wishes to thank Helen Prestawa and James Brosnahan for compiling this information for publication.

From June 11 to July 25

	Runs	Hits	Errors
Whitin Club	**70**	**130**	**42**
Opponents	**77**	**141**	**37**

BLACKSTONE VALLEY LEAGUE STANDING

(Through Aug. 5)

	Won	*Lost*
Hopedale	19	5
Douglas	17	8
Whitins	15	8
Uxbridge	13	9
Marquette	9	13
Milford	10	15
S. Grafton	5	17
Rockdale	5	18

SOFTBALL LEAGUE STANDING

(Through Aug. 5)—2nd Half

Pop's League

	Won	*Lost*
Dick's Sunoco	13	1
W.M.W. Office	11	3
Riverdale Booters	7	7
Mizzy Tile	5	9
F.O.E.	5	9
Roll Job	1	13

Recreation League

	Won	*Lost*
Gym	9	1
American Legion	8	2
Fred's Restaurant	6	4
Kupfers	5	5
K. of C.	4	4
Linwood	4	7
Papetti Motors	4	7
Green Lantern	0	10

Hobby—RACING PIGEONS

HAROLD BEST, erector on the Spinning Floor, finds the training and racing of pigeons an absorbing pastime. He has a flock of seventy-five birds, several of which have outstanding racing records. One of his favorite pigeons has, for the last three years, been a consistent winner in every 100 to 500-mile race held by the Central Massachusetts Combine Pigeon Club.

Before a racing pigeon wins any laurels it must go through an intensive training period. At the age of three months, it is allowed to roam around outside of its coop to familiarize itself with its surroundings. When four months old, it is taken approximately three miles from home and released. If it succeeds in returning home from this first trial flight, its mileage is increased in each successive flight thereafter. When the bird has been trained to fly about sixty miles it is sent by Railway Express to racing stations at greater distances. By the time it is one year old, and after the constant training it has received, the pigeon is considered a "home" bird and is expected to be able to fly any distance from 100 to 1000 miles and to be able to find its way home.

Harold is an enthusiastic and extremely active member of the Central Massachusetts Pigeon Club of Milford. The Club now numbers three hundred members and conducts races for more than 5000 club-owned pigeons.

The Club's racing course starts at Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and continues west to a distance of 976 miles. The stations are, in distances from Milford: Pittsfield, Mass., 91.768 miles; Amsterdam, N. Y., 146.982 miles; Utica, 199.854 miles; Rochester, 317.728 miles; Buffalo, 378.359 miles; Ashtabula, Ohio, 476.667 miles; Toledo, 619.341 miles; Galesburg, Ill., 976.583 miles.

From eggs laid by his own pigeons, Harold hatches his future champions. This youngster shown in the bowl is two weeks old. It is the offspring of two of Harold's best racing pigeons

Members entering their birds in a race ship, to the designated railroad station, their crated entries together with grain and water for each pigeon. After feeding the pigeons upon their arrival, the station agent releases all of them at one time. The agent then telephones the secretary of the Club notifying him of the time the birds were released and of the weather conditions prevailing for the first 100 miles. Members are then in turn notified of the start of the race and are requested to bring to the Club their special clocks used for timing the flight of the birds so that all clocks can be synchronized. The members then take the clocks to their own pigeon coops and wait for the return of their birds.

When the first bird comes home, it is caught by its owner and its race band taken off and inserted into the clock. When the band passes into the clock, it automatically locks the clock which cannot be opened except by the secretary who has a master key. As the various members bring in their clocks, the time registered by each is tabulated and the bird arriving home in the shortest length of time is declared the winner. Birds very often arrive home within minutes of each other. Occasionally, the pigeons fail to return because they have become victims of hawks, storms, or accidents. Weather conditions sometimes blow pigeons off their course and they become lost. On one occasion one of Harold's birds landed in Canada, while another landed in New Orleans. However, in some cases racing pigeons seem to be able to find their way home even over territory which they have never flown before. Harold tells us of four birds he had sent as a gift to a friend in Kentucky. Some time later, due to a flood in that area, the birds literally flew the coop and, in four days, the four birds plus two young ones, returned to Harold's coop. They had flown a distance of 1500 miles.

Harold has several war heroes in his present flock. One in particular is a veteran of Saipan and Okinawa, where the bird flew secret missions over enemy territory. Harold received twelve "veterans" from the U. S. Army at the close of the war in exchange for thirty-six pigeons he turned over to the Army when hostilities started.

We are inclined to agree with Harold, who asserts that pigeon racing is one of the best and most satisfying of sports. Small wonder, then, that more enthusiasts are joining pigeon racing clubs every year. Harold recommends it to you as a hobby.

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cause Mal had to get a license while he was in Nova Scotia that would enable him to drink a bottle of beer.

Best of luck to Norman Chamberlain who has enlisted in the U. S. Army.

Laura Vermette and her husband have started building their own home down in Linwood. Best of everything in the new home, Laura.

William Leduc has been a patient at St. Vincent Hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Folks are going to start thinking everyone on 427 has a Scotch streak in their veins. First, Betty McCudden couldn't raise three cents for Helen O'Brien's birthday card and now Jack O'Brien absent-mindedly walked out of the Western Auto without paying for his goods. But we all know both of them meant well and all the bills have been evened up.

All good things come at once to Arthur Litke. A few weeks ago he got his 1948 Pontiac car and this week Art was made second hand in the department. Best of luck with both achievements.

SPINNING SMALL PARTS

by Norman Deshaies

Harvey Stone of Chepachet, R. I., who is our set-up man is leaving us to try his luck working as a mechanic in a garage close to his home. We all wish you the best of luck, Harvey.

Dave Clark was complaining of a toothache recently while at work. The boys felt sorry for him so they offered to help him out by using a pair of pliers. He was scared so he let it ache and went back to his work. A little while later George Jackson came over with a little sympathy and asked to see his tooth, so Dave obliged by showing him the tooth. In the meantime, Doc Morin sneaked over and while Dave was holding his tooth, Doc hit his arm accidentally and down went the tooth. What are you kicking about, Dave, the boys saved you a couple of bucks.

Don Simmons is walking around the shop with a big smile on his face. Everybody wants to know what's up! Isn't love grand, Don?

Louis Rutana went fishing quite a lot during vacation week and here's a story that leaked out someplace. As you know, Louis is quite a boaster of his fishing experiences. One day recently nothing was biting so he stopped over at a fish market and bought quite a few fish, and then came back home boasting on the big load he caught.

A question which seems to pop out pretty often is, "Is Brooklyn still in the league?" Everytime George Ferry, our inspector, walks around his reply is, "Wait until the warm weather comes." Well, George, I hate to disappoint you but July is a pretty warm month and at this writing they were trailing the Boston Braves by an eight and one-half game margin. That's quite a lot, George.

John Jablonski of Webster had to leave work recently as he felt sick. The reason was appendicitis. He was rushed to the Cushing General Hospital. Hurry and get well, Ski, and everybody sends you their best regards.

We are planning a bus trip to Fenway Park on August 22 to see the Cleveland Indians oppose the Boston Red Sox in a night encounter. All those wishing to make the trip, please contact your reporter as soon as possible.

Birthday greetings to Louis Rutana and Joe Poxon who are celebrating this coming month.

We welcome to our department a lad who, last year, was captain of the Woonsocket High School basketball team and also played with the CIO team in the Whitin Community League. His name is Emmett Smith.

MILLING & CHUCK JOBS

by Joe Roche

George DeBarres has returned from Vermont where he spent the recent vacation period.

Pete Nash came back from his vacation sporting a beautiful sunburn, and, of all places, right on the top of his bald head. Pete is going around saying, "Hair today and gone tomorrow."

Your reporter spent his vacation mostly swimming and fishing. Tad Wallace and I just about cleaned all the hornpout out of Bad Luck Pond in Douglas.

John Nelson had some bad news that turned out to be good. It seems Johnny got a call saying his sister had died in Rockport, Massachusetts, so Johnny asked Mr. Brown for a few days off and left. In the meantime arrangements had been made by your reporter to have flowers sent to Rockport. When Johnny got to Rockport and went into his sister's house, there she was washing the floor, so Johnny is running around with a very red face.

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31 LB. CODFISH

Russell Felix and Hormidas Poulin of the Packing Job exhibit a large codfish they brought back from a recent deep-sea fishing trip. Did we say brought? The correct word is bought

WHO BOUGHT THE FISH?

This crowd of sports spent an entire day at Beverly, Mass., and caught a few fish weighing about four pounds. Don't be fooled by the big ones in the foreground—these sports didn't catch them. If you want to know where the big fellows are, ask the boys on the Tool Job and the Roll Job. Front row, left to right: William Morrisette, Francis Julian, Rene Willette, Jill Beauchamp, Dosilva Beauchamp, Rene Ethier, Hormidas Poulin, Roland Julian and Donald Lanibie. Back row, left to right: Ernest Charette, Frank Trainor, Magella Garand, Russell Felix, Earl Craw, William Couteau, Leo Beaudoin, Norman Le'perence, Narcisse Cournoyer, Albert Boileau, Irvin Dalton, William Dion and Walter Makowski

They Save Lives

Since April 1940, the Whitinsville Blood Donors Club has donated 1250 pints of blood to this community, a service that is unparalleled in our town's history.

Winifred (Sally) Jones, of the Pattern Loft, and James Connor, supervisor of the Foundry Carpenter Shop, are credited with initiating and organizing this club which attained an astonishing record.

Eight years ago, Jones and Connor called a meeting in the Whitin Gymnasium for the formation of a club to fill the community's need for blood donors. There were twenty persons at the first meeting. The following week a second meeting was held with thirty-five persons present. At this meeting, the club was organized and Sally Jones was elected president and James Connor was elected secretary-treasurer. These positions have had no other incumbents since that time.

Through the coöperation of local physicians and of the Memorial Hospital in Worcester, the blood type and RH factor of each member was determined and a roster with the pertinent information established.

Today when President Jones receives a call for a certain blood type, blood donors are on the way to the hospital within minutes of the call. The Club usually averages about five calls per week for donors, and requests for blood types 2 and 4 are the most common. Within the first three months of the Club's existence, more than thirty-five pints of blood were donated. Early in its history the Club donated forty-two transfusions to one man alone.

The Club has never refused a call for help and has sent donors to hospitals in Providence, Springfield, Worcester, Boston, Pawtucket, and as far as Portland, Maine.

The Club has never charged for its vital donations and has refused any gifts of money. The Club's only exception to this policy is the acceptance of support from Mr. E. Kent Swift of the Board of Directors at Whitin, who has arranged to have all blood donors in the Whitin Machine Works, receive full pay when absent from work and while on their errands of mercy. More than 90 per cent of the Club's membership is employed at Whitin. When an employee is sent out on a case, transportation is provided and also he is reimbursed by the shop for his meals.

The life-giving and life-saving donation of 1250 pints of blood is a noteworthy record, and the Spindle expresses the profound thanks of the shop and the community to these public-spirited citizens.

Members of the Donors Club are:

Winifred Jones, George Jones, James Connor, Robert Gonynor, George Rae, Harold Kane, Armand Hule, Vaughn Harding, Curtis Carr, Douglas Carr, Louise Blair, Vera Taylor, George Forsythe, Alice VanderBaan, Joseph Prior, Robert Walker, Fred Garcelon, Fred Marshall, Ernest Ramsey, Merlyn Nuttall, Charles Commons, Leon Barnes, Russell Bailey, W. C. Kidd, H. O. Youngsma, Burt Baird.

Wilbur Baird, Harvey Deslauriers, Robert Bosworth, Patrick McGovern, Herbert Barnes, Jake Weirsma, William Baszner, Ovila Vallee, Arthur Broadhurst, Ernest Hartshorn, E. M. Johnston, Oliver Baker, Roland Pickard, Henry Korliss, James Logan, Andy Magill, J. A. Cenedella, Perley Chesley, James Ferguson, Francis Joslin, Newell Wallace, Thomas Wallace, William Schotanus, Leo Lussier, Bernard Shaw, George Williamson, Owen Williams, Joseph Thompson, William Thompson, Harold Tatro.

William Nuttall, Samuel Menard, Patrick McCudden, Sydney Meidema, Charles Malkasian, William Lussier, Victor Lussier, Herbert Henderson, Robert English, Derm Devlin, Ernest Brochu, George Burgess, Antranig Barsamian, Adam Davidson, Leverett Blanchard, Eino Johnson, Raymond Fullerton, Frank Rondeau, Frank Martin, James Brosnihan, Harold Youngsma, Everett Forsythe, John Fitzgerald, Frank Lightbown, Al Bouche, James McGuigan, Ralph Connor, Louis Gilroy, Joseph Sampson, Ray Mooradian, Theodore Bisson, D. H. Longmuir, George Bedigian, Donald Crossby, Alex Lavellee, Harry Drinkwater, Edward Baldwin, James Ashworth, Leo Bouley, Robert Ebbeling, John Ebbeling, Al Lortee, John Mahoney, James Rogers.

Walter Szerlag, Joseph Hetherington, Simon Wiersma, James Gelatly, Milton Dion, George Deeks, Alphonse Gosselin, Lewis Pelletier, Hessel Schotanus, Peter Schotanus, Alexander Clark, William Spence, James Gusney, Thomas Postma, Albert Ames, Walter Blanchette, Joseph Scott, Carl Johnson, Paul Devlin, Robert McKee, William Roy, Peter Nash, A. K. Misarkian, Arthur Alec, Joseph Mouesette, Alfred Sutcliffe, William Galleshaw, Sr., Fred Dexter, Eugene McClure, Walter Frieswich, Robert Hoisington, Robert Spence, Joseph McCrea, Joseph Berry, Harold Andrews.

Phil Larsen, Oscar Erickson, Leonard Bosquet, John Parsons, Louis Stimpson, Ralph Houghton, Irving Larsen, Annie DeYoung, Barbara Brown, Mrs. Harry Brown, Mrs. Edward Poddles, J. E. Cosgrove, Sr., Llewellyn Lyman, Louis Wiersma, Al Sunn, Louis Veau, Chester Frieswyk, Edward Rainville, Votto Oby, Harmon Miedema, John Davidson, Edward Prior, John Wiersma, Vasil Baker, Leo Lussier, Mike Hyland, John Wright, Henry Crawford, Louis Burns, James Sheldon, and George Blakesly.

Edward A. Bates, Leo Potty, Eddie Rabitor, Leon Rabitor, Bruce McMan, Robert Stuart, Rita Millette, Deane Perkins, Richard Cunningham, Marge DeYoung, Olaf Nordby, Sara Dersakian.

Founders of the Whitinsville Blood Donors Club. Left to right: Winifred (Sally) Jones and James Connor

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Bill Baszner, Sr., has undergone an operation at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester. Here's wishing Bill a speedy recovery.

Gerry St. Germaine, Mike Ryan and Dave Gray, Jr., are getting themselves all prepared for a two weeks' trip with the National Guard at Camp Edwards from July 31 to August 14. They are in the 243rd Anti-Aircraft Battalion.

A big event will take place in Blackstone on Sunday, July 24, when Mike Ryan and Ted Baldyga, an inspector in Department 416, will go on a twenty-mile hike. I understand the boys have a little wager as to who is the best hiker and the first one to drop out will lose the wager. Incidentally the boys will carry full packs.

George Dawe went to the trotting races at Foxboro one day of the vacation period. He met an old friend of his from Nova Scotia who was driving some of the trotters. George tells me he did not get any "hot tips."

Irving Orrell has returned from a trip to the Midwest, where he went for the Company to get some data on Milling Machines and Cutters. He says if we think it is warm here, we ought to go out there for awhile. His trip included visits to Ohio and Kentucky.

WINDER JOB

by Dorsey Devlin

Leslie Mantell attended the Uxbridge Worsted outing, on July 10, at Lincoln Park, with her husband. And from all reports, if the Olympic Committee decides to add sack racing to their games, Leslie might get a boat ride, as she placed first in this event at the outing.

VACATIONED AT NEWPORT

Family of Rose Gandolfi. Left to right: Rose, Joseph, Jean, Carol and Charles

"Sooey" DeGateano, who has a friendly wager with your reporter, says if Milford doesn't beat Douglas soon, that he will have to go into the wholesale cigarette business.

On July 15, Rita Skinyon celebrated her fourth wedding anniversary. When she arrived home from work on that date, her husband, Vinnie, had the dining room table gayly decorated with flowers and fruit.

The following people spent their week's vacation at these various places: Ray Kucharski and Johanna McGuiness, New York; Mary Kane, Point Judith; Rita Skinyon, Block Island; Grace Bedrosian, Nantasket; Rose Gandolfi, Newport, R. I.; Maude Roche, Canada; Emma Philbrook, Asbury Park, N. J.; Eleanor Huddleston, Old Orchard, Maine; Frank Cassidy, Prudence Island; and Ethan Tatro, North Conway, N. H.

STATIONED IN JAPAN

Pfc. Leo H. Bachand, a former employee of the Winder Job, is now with the Paratroopers in Japan. During the last war he served with the U. S. Coast Guard

Josephine Convent, who recently underwent an appendectomy in Memorial Hospital, is now convalescing with relatives in Kittery, Maine.

Your reporter was at Yankee Stadium during the last Detroit series and is now practically convinced that Gordon Spence may be right again this year on his selection of Detroit to win the league pennant.

ROLL JOB

by Harold O'Connell

Joseph Jacques has returned to work after spending a week visiting friends in Three Rivers, Canada. Joe also visited the Wabasso Textile Ltd. and Celanese Corporation where Whitin, at the present time, is installing machinery.

Mildred Hamm has returned to her job on the internal grinder after an absence of four months. She has been recuperating at her home after the birth of an eight-pound boy.

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Swimming Instructor

For more than thirty-five years, Albert Porter, of Upton, has been teaching swimming and organizing Red Cross lifesaving classes. As far back as 1926, Albert took six of his Junior Lifesavers to Boston and entered them in a big Red Cross Lifesaving Meet. They came back with six first places and two seconds, easily winning the junior section of the meet. He recalls the days before the Gymnasium was built when he taught the boys to swim in the Meadow Pond. In those days long distance swimming was a very popular sport. He remembers one hot day in August, 1911, when the Whitinsville Baseball Association held a field day with baseball and swimming being the main events of the day. The last event on the program was the swimming race from the old bandstand (then located across the road from the bottom of Arcade Street) to the dam at the rear of the shop. Competitors came even from Boston to compete in this race but Al managed to take home the laurels after the meet.

Through the years, Al became acquainted with many professional swimmers such as Gertrude Ederle who swam the English Channel in record time. Miss Ederle once came with other swimmers from New York to attend a meet in Whitinsville.

After the building of the Gym, the younger people who were taught to swim by Al, honored him by bringing many prizes to Whitinsville.

Al can often be found on the shores of Pratt Pond in Upton putting the youngsters through their paces. Some day one of Al's protégés may become an Olympic champion.

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Henry Gagne, together with his daughter, recently visited his son who is hospitalized at the Percy Jones General Hospital at Battle Creek, Michigan. Henry's son was wounded in Germany. He is expected home next month.

Frances Haringa had the unfortunate experience of having the zipper on her bathing suit get stuck while at Narragansett Pier. It was an embarrassing situation as she found it necessary to seek the assistance of a male attendant to fix it with a pair of pliers.

Sam Opperwall's wife has returned to Memorial Hospital to undergo a major operation. She is expected to be there ten days.

While visiting in Canada, Aldred Pouliot's father fell down a flight of stairs and received a broken hip and sustained injuries to his back. He was removed from Canada to Memorial Hospital, Worcester, by ambulance.

Beatrice Trembley has resigned her job to attend to her domestic duties. Beatrice and her Pepsodent smile will be missed by her many friends.

SCREW JOB

by Sylvia Simonian

This one's for the books! After being such an ardent Cleveland fan for years, the rumors have it that Harry Remillard will very shortly become a Red Sox rooter. Those who know Harry find this to be a great shock, and can't help wondering what caused such a fantastic change.

THE OLD SALT

Joe Goyette on his yearly fishing trip

I hope the readers of the SPINDLE like the picture of Joe Goyette at Scituate, but you should have seen the picture of the one that "Peanuts" Johnson bought! No, this is not a misprint, I mean bought not caught!

We welcome to our department office two new girls—a blonde and a brunette. For the benefit of the boys, their names are, Jennie Ebbeling (the blonde) and Connie Blouin (the brunette).

On the job itself, we welcome, Oscar Dreschi, Joseph Duhamel, and Harry Ampagoomian.

Everybody is wondering why Charlie Reilly put a "No Trespassing" sign in his garden. Charlie was getting his family ready to go on a vacation when he noticed Jennie Scott in his garden examining the vegetables. Charlie says his vegetables are so tempting to all who see them that if he didn't put up a sign he wouldn't have any vegetables left by the time he returned from vacation.

ANOTHER LOG FOR THE FIRE

Lemmie Carlson, DuPont representative, on the left, assisting the members of the Meadow View Gun Club in replenishing their supply of wood for the coming winter months. Bert Bliss, on the right, works with the other end of the saw. Albin Nelson looks on questioningly

TOOL JOB

by Shirley Oby

Tom Whalen of the Inspection Room overslept one morning recently. He rushed out of his house with his coat tails flying, grabbing his hat with one hand and his lunch with the other. Nine o'clock rolled 'round. "Time for lunch," says Tom. He reached in the lunch bag and found—one dozen peaches!!

A few week ends ago Ken Stanley decided to go clam digging in Quincy. He had the tides all figured out and obtained a special permit for the day. He arrived fully equipped and with all sorts of ambition only to find the highest tide they had had this summer. What did Ken do? Turned around and came home, minus the clams!!

Louis Menard of the Welding Room was dressed in a tuxedo to usher at the wedding of John Halacy on June 26.

Al Morin spent his week's vacation getting his tonsils out. Some vacation, Al.

It looks like wedding bells for Rudy Gniadek of the Carboloy Room sometime in the very near future.

Steven Atanian, also of the Carboloy Room, is about to say "I do." No definite date as yet.

One day not too long ago one of the fellows on the job came in the office and asked me, "Who is C. O. Hoffacker? What are those men doing here? Where do they come from?"

Such questions as these require an explanation, so here goes.

Everyone knows how much work there is in the Whitin Machine Works today. We just can't get it out fast enough. Men doing repair work are rushing to keep everybody satisfied. So, things being as they are, it was decided to employ outside help to lift the heavy burden.

The men we see on the job in their tan-colored shop coats with C. O. Hoffacker on the front, are all former employees of the Brown & Sharpe Mfg. Co. of Providence, R. I. They are all expert repair men, and for the past few months have been rebuilding and motorizing various machines on the job.

Mr. Hoffacker was the first to appear on the scene. Then followed more new faces such as Charlie Taylor who is the boss when *the boss* is away. Dewitt Scott with his Charlie Chaplin mustache can easily be recognized. (No offense, Scotty.) Working across from the crib we find J. J. Porter. And at the other end of the job (working very hard) is Walter Reilly and husky "Buck" Bently.

These men have made many friends on our job and on other jobs throughout the plant. We expect them to be with us through the summer and possibly in the fall.

So to C. O. Hoffacker and Company we say "Welcome. Glad to have you with us."

COTTON MILL

by Louise Sohigian

Coming to work one morning Al Blizard ran out of gas right in front of the Freight House.

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THE OLD GANG

Front row, left to right: Harry Kearnan, James Clarke, Peter Tebeau, and Louis R. Veau. Back row, George Tebeau, Roy Foster, Sally Jones, Reno Boyd

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We hear now that Earl Karlson has finally bought himself a bathing suit. He has sent away to Atlas for some muscles.

Birthdays celebrated in the month of July were: Louis Hanson, William Smith and Alfred Ledoux. We wish them many happy returns.

On July 19, Mr. and Mrs. Armand LeBeau celebrated their seventh wedding anniversary. We hope they have many more of them.

Who is the golf champion in Department 450—Carl Bosma or Albert Lesco?

THE YARD & OUTSIDE CREWS

By Bill Scanlon

"Mat" Pulnik, "Ripper" O'Brien, John Pulnik, "Chicken" Deane, and Taft spent their vacation at Lake Elmore, Vt.

Charles Tower will be out for a few weeks on account of a knee injury. A big break for the nurses.

Ralph Roberts said, "More people get burned up at a ball game over poor decisions than at the beach."

George McNelly joined the Navy and is stationed at the Great Lakes. The boys in the garage miss him.

Albert Ducharne, better known as the "mayor," is taking up squash tennis as a pastime.

"Junior" Ruggles is credited with the most trips to Worcester. But one thing he never goes empty handed. When he is invited to dinner by a friend, he always brings along the groceries.

"Pepper" Martin can be seen every day riding around the grass on his power motor. He doesn't have to say much, those loud sweaters speak for themselves.

RING JOB

by Everett A. Gaspar

The Ring Job has formed a Benefit Club quite similar to the one on the Tool Job. These officers have been elected for the coming year:
President, Theodore Bisson; *Secretary*, Alice Travaille; *Treasurer*, Roland Breault; *Auditors*, Grace Frieswyk, Nancy Small, Leonard Roy, James Glennon, and Alexander Blanchette.

We also have on our job several couples—two of which could be labelled "Ring Job Romances." Dick Lemay has worked on the Ring Job almost since the beginning of the department, and Mrs. Anniebella Lemay about a year. Edmond Morel is another "old-timer" and Mrs. Ora Morel came a few months ago. Elwin and Gracia Salley have been with us for quite some time. Pauline O'Connor and Arthur Morin met on the job and are now Mr. and Mrs. and still come all the way from Milford every day. Theresa Lemelin and Adrien Morin did the same thing and are happily married now. Theresa, by the way, has been out since May because of illness and we do miss her.

Richard Calnan, one of our grinders, has a three months' leave of absence. He is at a Veterans hospital. Hurry back, fella.

Ian Davidson, Betty Wood, and Irma Cronan have joined us for the summer. Welcome, kids.

Leonard Roy of North Uxbridge, who will be married on July 31 to Rosemary Briggs of Blackstone, is working very hard fixing up a three-room-with-bath trailer which is parked permanently on Wall Street in Linwood. Good luck to you both in your new home.

Chet Clark, one of our turners, has returned to work after a ten weeks' illness. We were all glad to see you return. Arnold Patella of Millbury also has returned after his operation.

AWARDED $330 FOR IDEA

The largest suggestion award, for the months of May and June, was granted to William C. Kidd of the Inspection Department. Heretofore, front roll couplings, used on spinning frames and twisters, were made from 3¾ inch bar stock which required a twenty-three-minute roughing-out operation. Bill suggested that the coupling be made from 1⅜ inch bar stock, approximating the required finished diameter and that the ends be welded on. The method change reduced machining time and eliminated stock waste on screw machine operation

SPINNING DEPARTMENT

by Francis J. Horan

Limited space makes it impossible to state where everyone spent his vacation, but listening to the remarks I guess all enjoyed themselves. A few cases of sunburn marred the holidays for some.

Wondering why Frank Rondeau has been eating raw eggs, it has been explained to us that he is in training to develop a taste for eating raw quahogs. Seems that when Frank last attempted one he just made the door, almost gagging to death.

Philip Demers had a novel experience a few days ago. Asked to fill in on a rush job between four and six o'clock, Philip found himself doing the same type of work, although on new machines, that he had started in on twenty-five years ago to that date. Philip

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has just received his twenty-five year pin, by the way. Congratulations!

Members of Kizir's division welcomed back Harriet VanDyke on July 12. Harriet has been ill and it is good to see her back on the job.

BROTHER AND SISTER

Charles Holding and his sister Faye are the grandchildren of Ben Scott, foreman of the Spinning floor

College boys working on the set-up floor for the summer include John Lasell, Irving Lees, Harry Moss, and Irving Orrell.

Hope those extra hours aren't bothering Ernest Pickup too much. Ernest reached the Freight House door the other night to discover he had one black and one brown shoe on.

Jack Walker was so excited over the new addition to his family that he purchased bananas instead of cigars to hand out to the boys. However, he left them in his car too long and found there is something rarer than a day in June.

Bill Belanger has been missing from his usual drugstore haunts these past few weeks. Reason? The carnival season is on and Bill has always been noted for taking chances on dolls.

SITTING PRETTY

Anne is the daughter of James Woodburn of the Spinning floor

Mr. and Mrs. James Scott are receiving congratulations on their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. Jim and Mrs. Scott held open house and received greetings from relatives, neighbors, and friends.

Roy Krumbholz injured his hand and required four stitches to close the wound. He is back on duty now, running his helpers ragged as usual.

Has anyone noticed that sport shirt Jim Collins puts on occasionally, or could you help but notice it? Wow!!

We hope that by the time this issue is ready for distribution that Florence Kucharski will be back on the job. Florence is on the convalescent list. Norman Cournoyer is also on the same list recovering from a spinal operation. The old shaper is ready to run for him when he gets back.

Don't forget to get your name in for the bowling league. Alleys have been reserved and the league will start the second Wednesday after Labor Day.

OFFICE NEWS

by Dorothy Webster

Main Office News: Mr. George Rae and Miss Eleanor Spratt have been out sick for quite some time. We sent Mr. Rae a lawn chair and Miss Spratt a small radio, to let them know we are still thinking of them.

A farewell party was held for Eleanor Mantell, June 29, at the Abner Wheeler House, in Framingham.

Sally Mantashigian is a new member of the office force.

Fourth-of-July Week Doings: Marjorie McCallum with her husband and son took a motor trip to Nova Scotia. Ruth Wilcox visited at Nantucket. Anne Ashworth took a trip to New Jersey. Florence Tupper enjoyed the Cape's fine weather. Ruth Marshall and I went to Vinalhaven, Maine, where we enjoyed the lobstering very much. Needless to say we had plenty to eat. Dorothy Shaughnessy has returned from a motor trip to Prince Edward Island.

By Alice Ferguson

Jane Bliss, secretary to Mr. J. Hugh Bolton and Helen Cotter of Cost Department just returned from a Georgian Bay Cruise, sailing from Buffalo, N. Y., to Duluth, Minn., on Lake Superior.

A couple of weeks ago we were informed that Frank Kelliher, of our Sales Department, was in St. Vincent Hospital for observation. We hope that he has since returned to work with nothing seriously wrong to report.

Herb Lightbown, of the Repair Department, was in a dither one night at 5 trying to locate his jacket. The boys were trying to console Herb by saying he hadn't worn a jacket. Herb held his own by, "distinctly remembering that he wore one," when in walked Tom Marshall looking very hot and sheepish. Tom didn't wear his jacket but Herb's looked appealing so Tom walked off with it. Halfway home he noticed the pocket contents weren't his so he came back to the office. Herb had his jacket, Tom had some exercise, and all were happy again.

Ruth Thompson, who stayed with us but a short time, leaves to await the stork. We all will miss Ruth and wish her the best.

Rachel Blouin, a student of University of Massachusetts has assumed her summer duties in the Repair Department.

DRESSED FOR COMFORT

James Hoffman Metcalf, Jr., is the grandson of Robert Metcalf of our Photographing Department and Isabelle Ferguson of our Inspection Department

Among our vacationists from the Repair Department this month are:

Rose and Pauline Kalonas enjoyed a week at Falmouth. No doubt their new car came in handy.

Ray and Florence Adams also were away. They were in Connecticut enjoying the peaceful scenery.

Betty Monbouquette has been bubbling over with enthusiasm about the wonderful time spent at Marthas Vineyard. Husband Dick, Dot and Fred Tattersall made up the party.

Chet Walker is contentedly fishing at the Cape. We hope he lands a beauty.

FIRST LONG PANTS

Ronald is 5½ years old. His father Orrin works in the Repair Department.

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Keeping Up with the News

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Theresa Le Page spent a quiet vacation at home.

Margaret Kennedy and her gang were down to Old Orchard. Peg came back with a beautiful tan.

Vacation days are here again—and about the only news from the Master List Department is as follows:

Mrs. Jane Longmuir enjoyed the vacation very much—breakfast in bed every morning and various trips to nearby resorts. We call that a *real* vacation.

Dottie Hayes and Connie Blouin spent a happy week at Hampton Beach. They came back looking like little Indians.

James Ferry and wife enjoyed a wonderful week at Plymouth, N. H.

Robert K. Brown and family also enjoyed a pleasant vacation at their cottage in Milford, N. H.

Edith Goodwin came back from her vacation very much rested after spending a few days at Hampton Beach.

Lee Hobart spent her week's vacation working on her new home. We understand from husband Bill that because of Lee's help, they will move into their home a week earlier than planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Burroughs accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. David Gray enjoyed a motor trip to Lake George, N. Y., in Roy's nice new Pontiac.

Norma Kane enjoyed one week of her vacation in Washington, D. C., visiting all the places of interest in our nation's capital.

Edna and Norman L'Esperance vacationed at Mackinac Island on the Great Lakes. The vacation place of places, they say.

NEWS OF THE NO. 2 OFFICE

There has been a lot of fishing talk around the office, lately but George Comeau topped it all by bringing his catch along with him. He came in wearing a shiner that he claims was given to him by his seven-year-old son. It seems that Pappie George was trying to teach little George how to swing a baseball bat and was caught in the eye with said bat. We believe him, of course, mostly because his excuse is different. Most people give the story of the door they ran into etc. We must admit, however, that it looks pretty bad or should we say, "It sounds kind of fishy to us"?

Speaking once again of fish reminds us of Earl Hammond's vacation. Mr. Hammond spent the first week at the Connecticut Lakes. We overheard him describing his adventure to Ken Benner but Ken held his own. At present, we're not quite sure who caught the biggest fish. So, next season we're asking for pictures along with the stories, thus ending all uncertainty.

Evelyn Feddema
Dorothy Michalik

Two weeks ago the Cost Department went on a deep-sea fishing trip. Due to Ken Benner's affiliations in the past with the Cost Department, the boys invited him along. At the end of the day Herb Barnes was awarded second prize for catching the second largest fish. Members of the Cost Department are now wondering how this particular fish ended up in Ken Benner's basket. Even Barney doesn't know the answer.

NEWS OF METHODS

by Mary Mooradian

Isabelle Hagopian and Frances Kane had a very enjoyable time at Hampton Beach. You should see the tan the girls picked up.

Archie Misakian was seen at Fenway Park, July 7, at a night ball game. The Red Sox lost to the Senators but it was a good game.

Louis Belval and his family spent an enjoyable week at Point Judith.

Arno Wagner and his wife took a motor trip to Pennsylvania.

Not everyone enjoyed their vacation. Renee Morel's young nephew had the measles and Renee had to stay in all week. Better luck next year.

Lydia Hickey has taken a leave of absence for the summer, but expects to be back again in the fall.

The Methods Department had an outing at Purgatory and it rained cats and hot dogs. Seems someone forgot to bring along a grill for the hamburgers so the menu consisted of hot dogs only. Nevertheless, everyone had a good time, rain or no rain.

Now that blueberry season is at hand John Walsh is in the market for a cowbell. Last year he became lost in one of the swamps.

This month after the Spindles are distributed some thoughtful person should sit next to Johnny Walsh on the bus and let him know when it arrives at Summit Street. Last month Johnny became so absorbed while reading the Spindle that he didn't get off the bus until it reached Plummer's Corner.

From the Payroll and Budgets Department we have received the following news:

TWINS

Constance and Ronald are 8½ months old. They are the children of Joseph Ducharme of the Comber Job.

Just a love nest cozy and warm . . . that is what Lorna Abramek and her husband are building at Point Judith, R. I. Hurry and get it completed, Lois, we are looking forward to that weenie roast you promised us.

Many girls in Payroll Computation came back to work with beautiful tans after spending a week either at some exciting resort or enjoying the cool comforts of a lazy week at home.

Ray Tancrell has his vacation and celebrated his birthday together.

This month Miss Alice Marsoopian left the Wage Standards Department and is attending Worcester Junior College. Next fall, she will start training at Memorial Hospital. We all wish her the best of luck in this new field.

Vicki Gigarjian, Martin Trench, Al Sheldon, Don Amiro, and Lynn Richardson are enjoying their vacations this month, the rest of us hope that August will hurry along.

From what we hear Al Sheldon didn't enjoy his vacation very much. Al was laid up with a bad shoulder and arm, and most of his time was spent nursing a bruise. He is feeling much better now.

Good to see Ann McKee in for the summer again.

NEWS FROM PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

Lois Gellatly, of the Personnel Department, and husband James Gellatly, of the Tool Job, saw fit to spend part of their vacation as fishermen. According to Lois, "Jimmie" is a good man with the hook and line. However, to Jim's surprise, Lois came home with a 10″ trout and Jimmie hadn't even had a bit. If anyone wants any tips on fishing Lois will be glad to share her fishing technique.

On June 23, the girls of the Personnel Department honored Betty Spence at a dinner held at the Abner Wheeler House in Framingham. Miss Spence left the Personnel Department on July 2 to travel to San Francisco, Calif., where she will be married in the near future to Mr. Alfred Holt of that city, formerly of Uxbridge. Mrs. Katherine Hutcheson of Whitinsville has been appointed Employment Manager for Women, thus filling the position left vacant by Miss Spence's resignation.

STORY FROM COST DEPT.

An unvarnished story of human interest that bears repeating trickled in. Sparing identity of lady in question, we might add her name could be Mary Gertrude McDonald. As story goes, Mary was winding up last minute shopping. Dodge's store was the last stop. Mrs. Dodge very punctual, with key in hand, come quitting time, decides to call it a day. In meantime where was our Mary? Was she out in the cold with the rest of the taxpayers? No, she was locked in. What may have transpired if prisoner for any length of time, we cannot say, but Mrs. Dodge realizing, she had left home key at

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Keeping Up with the News

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store, returned to claim it. One can appreciate the surprise when door was unlocked and our Mary gasped for air. Asked for explanation, Mary tells us in her own words, "Well, it was like this, I was late in getting started and more so by the time I got out." Mary is one of our better natured gals in the Department. We could perhaps best describe her as coy, cute, and condensed. We are happy to report that like base runner caught ten feet off base, our Mary is "out."

FOUNDRY

by Varkis Arakelian

George Gauthier and his family really enjoyed their vacation. George finally got his new 1948 Nash car the week of his vacation. In order to break the car in he took his family to Canada to visit his aunt. He returned via New York. They all enjoyed the trip but the only thing George talks about is how wonderful his new Nash is and the wonderful features it has. (This is not a plug for the Nash car.)

"Babe" Lamontagne confesses that his memory is failing him. It seems Babe made plans to go deep-sea fishing with a gang of fellows. The night before he was to go fishing Babe got everything ready for an early start and then retired. At four o'clock in the morning Babe heard a loud rapping on the door. Being awful tired he ignored it. During work that morning Babe suddenly stops and exlaims, "Holy smokes, I'm supposed to be deep-sea fishing and the person rapping on my door was trying to get me up to go." Up to this day he hasn't lived it down.

Harry W. Brown, Jr. is now working in the Foundry for the summer vacation. Harry is attending Rhode Island State College and will enter his junior year this fall. He is taking up engineering.

Rocco Merolli has left the Foundry for the Shipping Room. Rocco has been in the Foundry for about eight years but due to doctor's orders the transfer was necessary. Rocco will be missed by everyone because of his pleasant disposition at all times. We wish Rocco luck with his new job. The Foundry's loss is the Shipping Room's gain.

Joseph Deneault the sand slinger wizard, spent his vacation in Canada. While there he attended his nephew's wedding and really had a time for himself.

Well, well, it happened again. The Foundry cat gave birth to four more kittens. It looks as if the Foundry cat is the only one supplying me with news, a good old standby for news.

Mr. and Mrs. Garret Swart returned last week from a three months' trip to Birdaard, Holland. Both enjoyed the trip very much especially Mrs. Swart. She saw her father and brothers and sisters after being parted from them for twenty years. Things are now normal in Holland except for a few shortages. Food and clothing is rationed but the people are taking it with a smile. Garret still thinks there is no country like the United States.

Fred Dumas is back on the job looking chipper than ever. Fred broke his foot when one of the weights fell on his foot. Glad to see you back, Fred.

On the sick list in the Foundry are Rosaire (Cowboy) Baril who was operated on for an abscess and will be out for one more week. Ted Matte is in the Memorial Hospital. Bill Gilroy is also in the hospital—St. Vincent I was told. Haig Karagosian is out of the hospital and is recuperating at home.

METAL PATTERN JOB

by William Prior

This department held its annual clambake Saturday, July 17. A good time was had by

The entertainment at the clambake was provided by Pete Gagne and "Bunky" Kearnan

all who attended. For a while it looked as though the clam-eating contest would end in a tie between Andy Frieswick and Henry Forget, but Andy was the winner. Roland, our steel worker friend, took all honors in the clam-cake-eating contest. The eating of thirty clam cakes was just a start for him. Henry, boss of the steel workers, was served no less than three times with fish. Bob Caston and Gagnon were controlling the horseshoe game until Bud Martin and Pete Chenevert appeared on the scene. They really showed Bob and Gagnon how the game should be played. Our card games were a big success. Francis Sughrue and John Kurosski sent Bunky Kearnan home

Pete Chenevert of the Foundry and "Bud" Martin, Metal Pattern Job, pitch a few horseshoes after the clambake

talking to himself. All in all, it was quite a day. Bob Marshall did a very good job in making the dinner. As for the beer, the boys didn't need any help, they took care of themselves. Our thanks to Ray Belanger, Bob Caston, and Bunky Kearnan for the support they gave in making the day a huge success. On September 18, this department is planning another clambake. We are looking for a record attendance.

BOLSTER JOB

by Bizar Hagopian

We were surprised to hear that Bert Gjeltema had joined the Army Air Corps. He left for San Antonio, Texas, on Monday, June 28. Bert is the son of John Gjeltema, night boss on the Bolster Job. Lots of luck, Bert, from all the gang.

After an absence of almost two years on account of ill health, we wish to welcome back to the job Albert Dion. Al's looking the picture of health and he says he feels as good as he looks.

On the Thursday before he got married, Theodore Bartnick, inspector, was presented with a beautiful Sunbeam Toastmaster as a wedding gift from his fellow-workers. They also had a miniature wedding cake decorated with a tiny bride and groom.

After working on the Bolster Job for more than five years, Ruth Conlee transferred to the Milling Job night shift. We hope Ruth likes her new job.

The Harold Flintons celebrated their ninth wedding anniversary on July 1. Harold is a grinder hand in this department. We extend to them our heariest congratulations and wish them many more years of wedded bliss.

Many happy returns to Harry "Jeff" Powers, who celebrated his birthday on June 26 and Suran Terkanian who celebrated his on July 16.

Obituaries

Members of Department 414 extend their deepest sympathy to Freddie Siepietowski on the death of his wife, Pearl.

Sympathy is extended to Paul Mathieu and Bill Petrin, of Department 439. Both of their mothers passed away last month.

It is with regret that we report the passing of Eugene Moorehouse. Mr. Moorehouse was employed at the time of his death on Department 442. We extend our deepest sympathy to Mr. Moorehouse's family and friends.

Friends of Martin H. Wheeler were shocked to learn of his sudden death June 29. He was a man of fine character and well known throughout the plant. He had worked in the Carpenter Shop for thirty-six years. Martin will be missed by his many friends. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife,

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Obituaries

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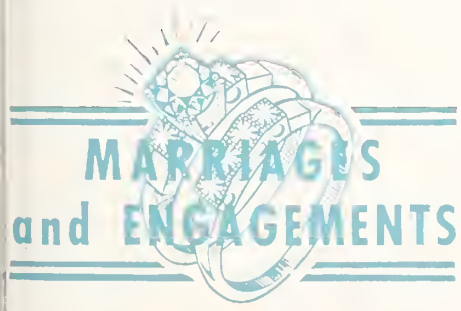
Mr. Wheeler and Grandniece

Mrs. Martin Wheeler; to his daughter, Mrs. George B. Hamblin of Montreal, Canada; and to his sister, Mrs. Herbert Sharrock of New Jersey.



Edward Toney, of Department 414, was married to Catherine Dupee of Leominster on July 24. We wish them both many years of happiness.

Best wishes to Ray Emery, drill hand in Department 429, and Ruth Stratford, who will exchange vows on Saturday, July 24.

Ann Nedroscik, of the Stock Room Office, is wearing a beautiful diamond. The lucky fellow is Phil Rae of the Electrical Department. No date has been set for the wedding.

Announcement has been made of the approaching wedding of Mary E. Kane. She was one of the first employees of the Winder Job. Mary will say "I do" to Eugene Whalen of Millville in St. Patrick's Church on September 4.

The bride of the month of the Cost Department was Pauline Reilly who was married to Leo Hagan of Millville on Saturday, July 10, at St. Mary's Church in Uxbridge. The honeymoon was spent touring the White Mountains.

Madeleine Cadorette will never forget this birthday. Emile Renaud, gave her a diamond ring. We're still wondering which is greater the sparkle of the ring, or the sparkle of Mad's eyes. Best wishes to a very nice couple.

Betty Biaino will become the bride of Stanley Rymeski on July 27, in Wellen, Canada, her hometown. We are all wishing her lots of happiness.

Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Howard who were married June 26. Bernard works on the Gear Job.

Other members of the Gear Job to whom we extend best wishes are: Alphonse Marceau, who married Rita Noel of Northbridge on August 14; Gerard Larochelle who will marry Theresa Archambault of North Uxbridge on September 4; and Bill Kennedy who will marry Theresa Daignault on September 6.

Dot Gareeau, aviatrix of the Statement Department, is in the clouds over the diamond given to her by Ted, a TWA pilot.

Best wishes to Alfred Pouliot of the Roll Job, who will be married to Rita Cournoyer, Northbridge, September 6, at St. Peter's Church.

Henry Lubas, of the Comber Job, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lubas of Northbridge, was married July 5 to Evelyn Chickering. We wish them both lots of good luck and happiness.

On Saturday, June 26, united in marriage were Victor Poirier, Jr., Department 438, of Uxbridge and Lillian De Mello, Slatersville, R. I., in St. John's Church, Slatersville. They went to Maine and Vermont on their wedding trip.

Harold Densmore, Department 438, of Woonsocket, R. I., married Rita Renaud of Woonsocket on Saturday, July 3, at the Holy Family Church in that city. They spent their honeymoon at Old Orchard Beach, Maine.

The wedding of Theodore Bartnick, inspector Department 438, of Woonsocket, R. I., and Ida Loguidice of East Boston, Mass., took place on July 4, at the Mt. Carmel Church in East Boston. The newlyweds are honeymooning at the Cape.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Rose Marie Pilla, Department 438, of Milford to Stephen Atamian of the same town. The date of their wedding is set for August 29. Steve is employed on the Tool Job. Congratulations to them both.

Best wishes to Anita Vallee, of Department 448, and Robert Bilodeau, of Department 453, on their forthcoming marriage at the Good Shepherd Church, Linwood, Saturday, September 11.

Best wishes to John Tebeau who was married to Mary Bousquet in St. Patrick's Church, June 26. John works for Fred Langlois on the Card Job.

Best wishes to Thomas Gibeau of Department 448 who was married to Doris Roberge, July 2, in Woonsocket.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Nickerson upon the arrival of a seven-pound girl at Milford Hospital June 21. Carl is a polisher on the Spindle Job.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Richards are receiving congratulations on the birth of their first child—a girl. Mrs. Richards is the former Doris Marshall who worked in the Cradle Room of Department 412.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Pierel on the birth of a daughter and also to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hanny on the birth of a son. Mrs. Hanny, the former Sarah Tucker, worked in Department 452.

The Albert Vincents are receiving congratulations on the birth of a boy—name, John James. Albert is employed in Department 421.

We extend congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Matte on the arrival of a baby girl on July 19. Alfred works on the Gear Job.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Hamilton on the birth of a son.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Guertin upon the arrival of a son, Ronald, on June 29. Mrs. Guertin, better known as "Blondie," worked on the Winder Job.

Mr. and Mrs. William Rondeau are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter on July 18. Mrs. Rondeau is the former Shirley Clarke, who worked in the Winder Job Office.

Ted Watson, apprentice on the Comber Job, became the proud father of a son, Albert, born May 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Boisvert, of Woonsocket, are receiving congratulations on the birth of another daughter July 10.

Edward Bebeau, Department 438, has a good reason for that proud look lately. He recently became a grandfather for the first time. His daughter, Mrs. Richard Gonynor, gave birth to a baby boy on the first of July.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stinson and Mr. and Mrs. Don Amiro. They are the proud parents of baby girls—the second for each of them.

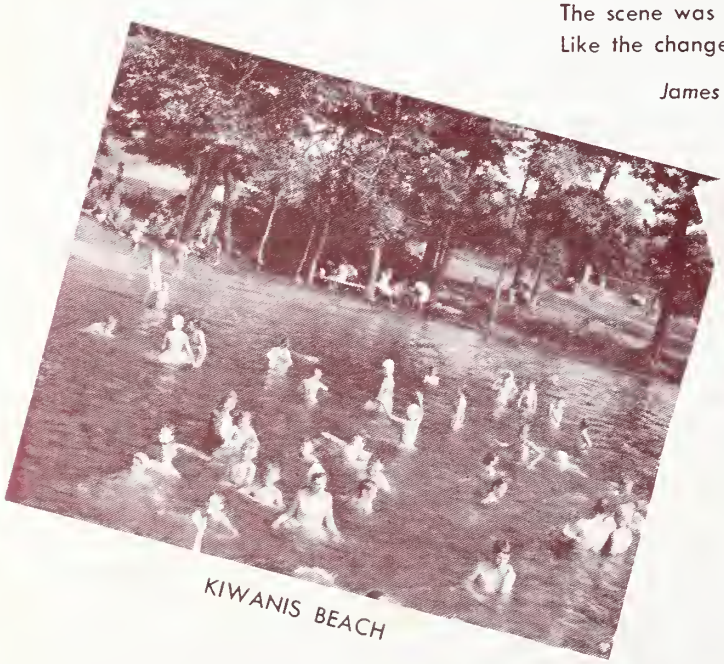
John Walker of Department 448 and Mrs. Walker are receiving congratulations on the birth of a boy.

COOLING OFF AT CARPENTER'S RESERVOIR—A FAVORITE POND FOR SWIMMING

The Old Swimmin' Hole

Oh! the old swimmin' hole!
When I last saw the place,
The scene was all changed,
Like the change in my face.

James Whitcomb Riley



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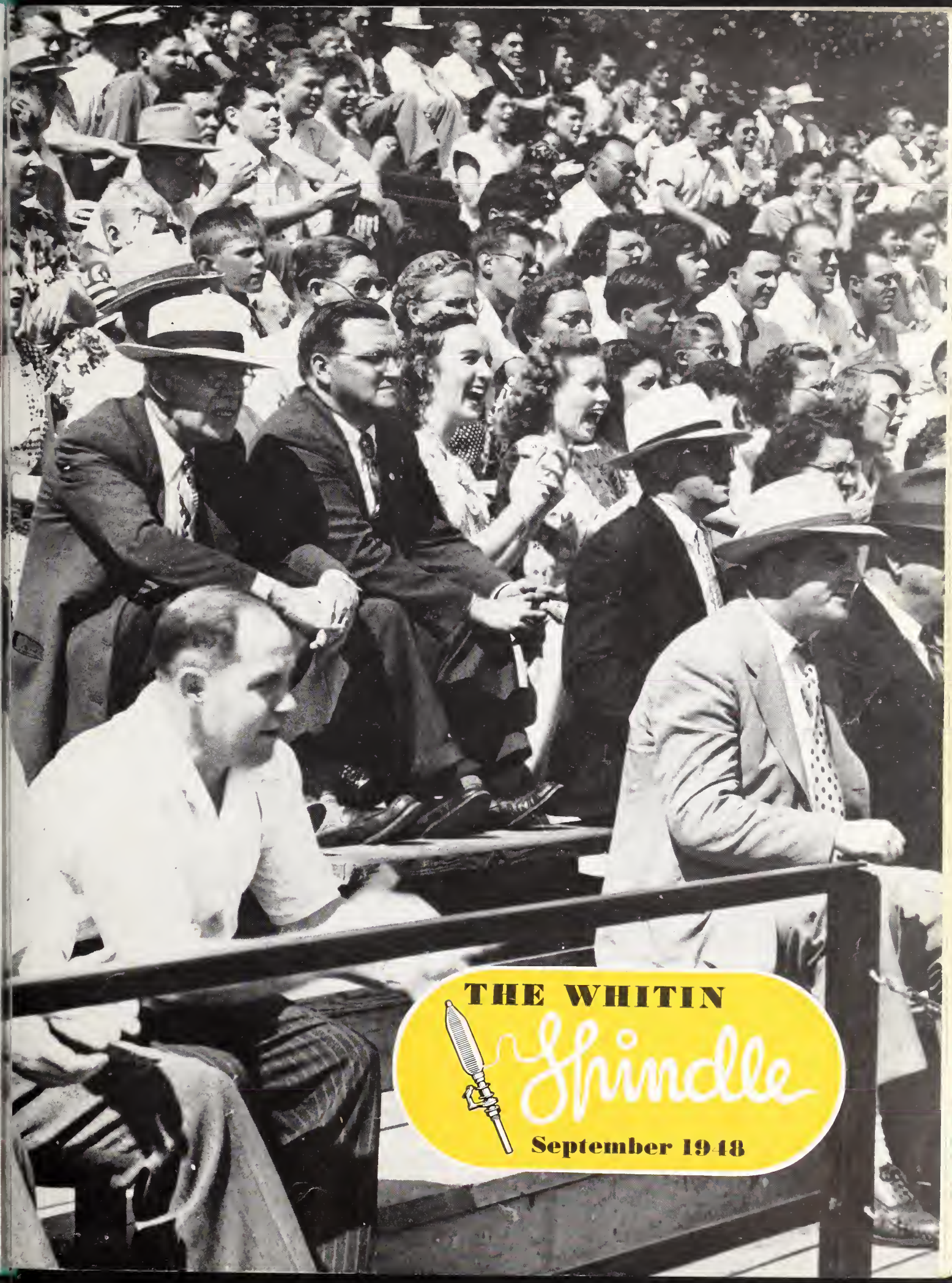
ELECTRIC POND, ROCKDALE



THE WHITIN Spindle

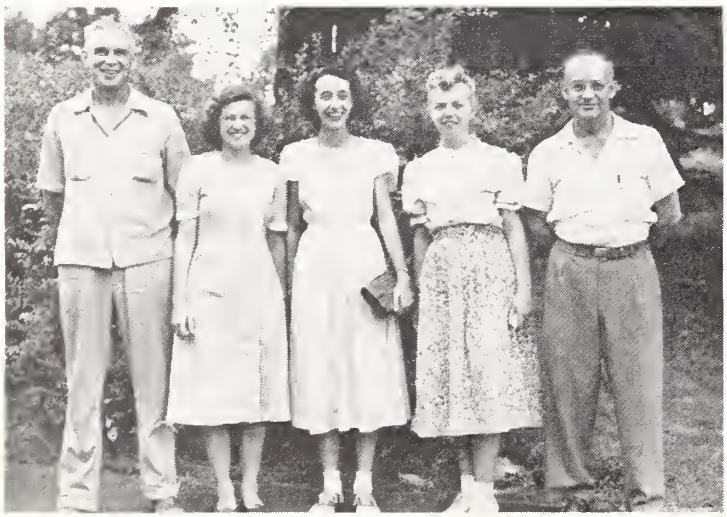
September 1948

Parade of the Dolls

The fifth annual doll carriage parade was successfully held by the Northbridge Playground Association at the Whitin Park on August 4. Scores of children attended by their mothers proudly displayed their gaily decorated carriages and dolls

Doll Show winners, left to right, 1st row: Judith Gauthier, Beverly Romosco; 2nd row: Morilyn Brouwer, Goil Erickson, Mary Ellen Lynch, Patricia Martin

Winners of Doll Carriage Show—left to right: Patsy Lynch, Sandy Banes, Alan Rabitor, Jean Davidson, Judy Banes, Peggy Ann Godbout, Judy Gauvin, Donna Bikes, and Phyllis Epstein



Left to right: Leo H. Smith, Asst. Director; Frances Boratyn, Mrs. Margaret Halacy, Mrs. Viola-Jean Campbell, Judges of Doll Show; Roscoe M. Marker, Director

On parade: Mary Ellen Lynch, Ann Brouwer, Jonet Brouwer, Beverly Romasco; 2nd row: Lalla Hetherington, Patricia Martin and Jean Gauthier; 3rd row: Marilyn Brouwer

Ideas and Awards

James Allen of Department 420, suggested using seven parallels shaped to the circumference of the table of the Blanchard Grinder and thereby more than doubled the production on this machine. Presentation of the $100 award was made by Donald Sangster, assistant divisional superintendent. At the right: James Chiras of Department 466, received from Mr. P. B. Walker, maintenance engineer, a check for $240, awarded for the design of a heavier steel deflector on the wheelabrators in the Cast Iron Room. This idea resulted in a maintenance cost saving of approximately $960

Golf has given us the expression, "follow through," which aptly fits also the realm of ideas. Unless ideas are put to words they are little more than mental exercises. Good ideas "followed through," however, begin a chain reaction which spreads to the idea man and to his associates.

Therefore, when you believe you have a suggestion, promptly write it on a Suggestion Blank, which you can obtain at any Suggestion Box, and deposit it in the Suggestion Box or mail it to the Suggestion Committee in the Shop mail or U. S. Mail. Your idea does not have to be "startling," "amazing," "intricate" or "stupendous." Many of our highest awards, you know, have been granted for simple suggestions, which have, nevertheless, resulted in substantial cost savings.

When the Suggestion Committee's secretary receives your suggestion he assigns a record number to it and has a duplicate of your proposal typed. Your original suggestion is filed in the secretary's files and the typewritten copy bearing only the record number is submitted to the Committee for review. Only the secretary is aware of your identity, and the Committee members know and refer to the suggestion only by its number.

The initial action of the Committee is set forth in the Committee's minutes where the suggestions are listed in numerical order. Your suggestion's number appears in all the minutes thereafter until final action is taken.

You are notified by letter of the receipt of your suggestion and the secretary keeps you informed of the Committee's actions while your suggestion is processed and reviewed. A cross index file is maintained by the secretary to locate your suggestion quickly and to accumulate the suggestions which you have submitted.

When an award is made by the Committee and is confirmed by the works manager for payment, you are notified as to the amount of the award and the date of payment. The fact of the award is recorded on your Personnel Department Record Card. After approval of your suggestion it is followed to assure its being reduced to practice.

The Committee tries to review each suggestion as speedily as possible. Yet, it is understandable that some suggestions, because of the complexities of the problems involved, will take longer to handle. It is equally understandable that not every idea can be adopted. The fact that 30 per cent of the suggestions submitted receive awards, should encourage those whose first proposals are not adopted to keep trying.

The Committee always gives a reason for its decision. If the suggester is not in full agreement with the decision, he is urged to inform the secretary why the Committee's report is not acceptable and the secretary then submits the suggestion for reconsideration.

Suggestion Awards for the Month of July

Dept.	*Name*	*Suggestion No.*	*Amount of Award*
466	James Chiras	48–167	$240.00
420	James G. Allen	48–184	100.00
465	Reynold B. Cochrane	48–213	10.00
424	Harold C. Leoncini	48–194	10.00
454	Maynard L. Feddema	48–190	5.00
454	Alfred P. Ledoux	48–118	5.00
465	Walter Kominicki Jules Raymond	48–220	5.00

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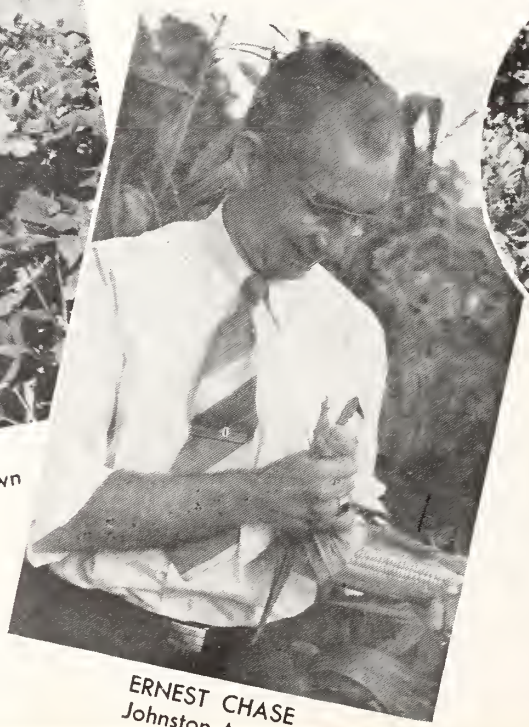
Brick School

WILFRED DUPONT
Crescent Street

ANDREW BUWALDA
Shaw's Corner and Fairlawn



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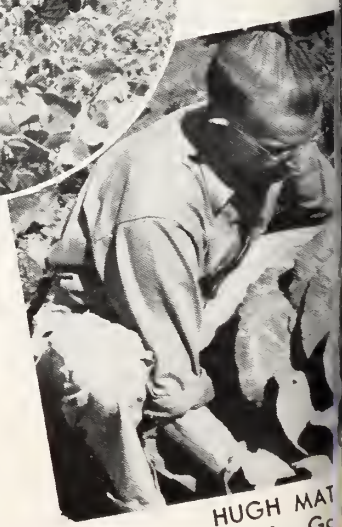

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MEMBERS of the Home Garden Cl find truth in the adage, "As Ye Sow, Shall Ye Reap," and especially the garde ers shown and listed on these pages. Sin the spring planting these men have toil many hours to make their gardens ex over others. The gardens of the m appearing in these photographs have be recognized by the Worcester County E tension Service and awarded first prizes.

Twice a year the gardens are judged a basis of 30 points for vigor, 30 poin for condition, 30 points for value and points for variety. Potatoes are judg as a separate unit, on the same basis gardens, except the 10 points granted f variety.

The Whitin Home Garden Club has be organized since 1919, after President Wils made an appeal to the people of the count to grow their own vegetables in order help feed the needy of Europe. In tho days even front lawns were dug up make victory gardens. The Whitin Hon Garden Club started with a membersh of 40. Each succeeding year the Cl membership grew until it reached its hig est peak of 405 members during Wor War II. At the present time over twel areas in various sections of the town a

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tensively cultivated by "Home Garden-s." The gardens within these areas erage anywhere from 2,000 square feet 4,000 square feet.

Membership in the Club requires only small registration fee, which is employed r the payment of cash prizes.

The Whitin Machine Works sponsors e Home Garden Club and provides the rden plots. The Company arranges r the plowing and harrowing of the ounds and supplies each gardener with tilizer. Sprays and dusts are supplied a small portion of their cost and seed tatoes are furnished to the gardeners at st. The use of the Whitin Community mnasium is donated each year for the nual Home Garden Club exhibition and preparatory work for the annual event performed by the Company.

In the Club's twenty-nine years of istence it has only had three presidents. he late Harley Keeler was its first presi-nt, and held the post until he passed ay. Dana Heald, its second president, w serving as the Club's treasurer, was ceeded by its present president, Angus rker. The National Garden Institute, nation-wide educational organization,

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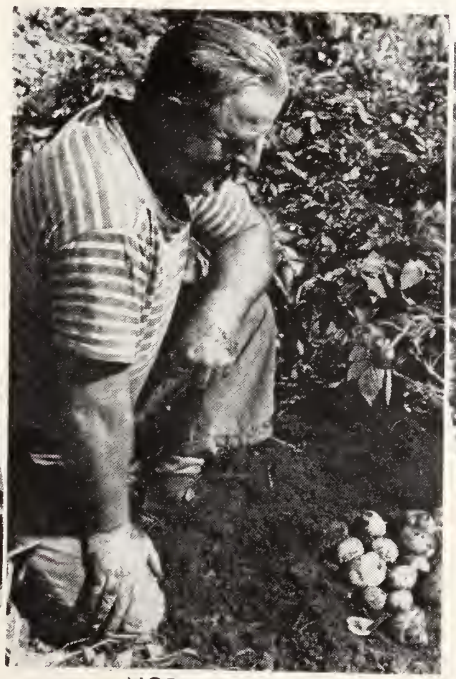
WILFRED SAMPSON
Lemoine Field

JOE HENAULT
Meadow Section

FRED MUSE
Best Potatoes



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GOOD ORDER—GOOD QUALITY

Fire fighters keep their equipment in order so they can do a fast job of putting out a fire. A ship's galley has to be orderly to turn out good meals from a small space. You don't think much of a bank that can't keep its figures straight.

Order and quality go hand-in-hand. Take your own workplace as an example. When it's ship-shape, you know where things are. You can reach the tools and equipment you need—and they stay in better condition. That makes it easier to turn out quality work.

The same is true of your whole department. Good housekeeping just naturally results in less waste and better work. And most of us find it safer and a lot more pleasant to work in a well-kept place.

FRONT COVER: This photograph shows a small section of the crowd who on August 8 occupied the newly constructed stands at Vail Field while attending the baseball game between Hopedale and the Whitin Club. The stands were filled almost to their total capacity of 1,040. Attendance this year at the home games has been the highest since the war. The twenty games played at home were attended by more than 8,000.

The new stands built by the Hussey Manufacturing Company of North Berwick, Maine, provide one of the most satisfactory seating arrangements in the Blackstone circuit. Our own plant construction men assisted in the building of the stands by pouring the cement for the foundation, and the two construction crews worked until nine o'clock each night for two weeks in order to finish the stands in time for the July 5 game with our rivals, the Douglas team.

KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

FOUNDRY

by Varkis Arakelian

No problem is too tough for the noontime round-table forum consisting of: Bob Hoisington, Alex Clarke, Bob McKee and Gordon Dore. A recent discussion, and it really got hot under the collar, was baseball players of today and yesteryear.

Paul Morin of the Foundry Payroll Department left August 20 for the U. S. Army. He has enlisted in the Finance Department of the Army and reported to Fort Dix, N. J.

The Foundry went on a deep-sea fishing trip in August. Nothing was caught at all, so some of the boys made the most of it by jumping in and taking a swim. Isaac Grant was the only one to catch anything; he succeeded in pulling up the boat's anchor with his line.

TED MARTIN—1918

Theodore "Cowboy" Martin is working in the Foundry after being away from here since 1918. "Cowboy" (this is the name they all know him by) was a bench moulder in the Foundry, and was quite a baseball player in those days. The picture of him was taken when he was playing first base for the Linwood A.C.

Bill Prior reports from the Metal Pattern Job that Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Stimpson were vacationers in Maine for two weeks last month.

Bill Farland of our department has taken over his new duties as supervisor of Foundry Maintenance.

Paul Holobesko has left for two weeks of State Guard training at Camp Edwards.

IT'S QUADRUPLETS THIS TIME

After all the publicity the mother of this family has received in the last six months, we thought the least we could do was take a photograph of the latest addition to her Foundry family

In one of the most spirited rivalries between departments in the plant, the softball team of the Metal Pattern Job nosed out the Foundry, 11 to 9, at P.A.A. Field. Homeruns were belted by Bob Caston, Jim Monteville and Jim Houghton. John Salome got three hits out of four trips to the plate. Members of the Foundry team: Bishop, Thibeault, Chenevert, Forcier, Salome, Gagnon, Burroughs, Arakelian, Houghton, Gauthier, Tebeau, and Brouillette. Members of the Metal Pattern Job team: Joe Prior, Monteville, Bob Caston, Stanley Swiadrek, Bill Prior, Henry Martin, Roland Labelle, Cocoa Barsamian, Fran Cruis, Romeo Heroux.

BOLT & PLANER DEPTS.

by Ray Woodcome

The single girls of Department 412 and the single girls of the Master List Department went on one of those moonlight cruises August 20. We haven't heard definitely what happened, but there does seem to be a lot of secrets and whisperings going on amongst them.

Barnum said there was one born every minute, well, we have nine of them in Department 414. The single fellows made up a softball team and challenged the married men to a game. The first game was played at Crescent Park, with the married men winning. To avenge the defeat, the single fellows wanted another game, so a game was arranged for August 10, with chicken dinners to be paid for by the losers. As before, the married men won and all of the old-timers had a free chicken dinner at the Bocci Club in Woonsocket. The single men challenged the married men again on August 24. The old-timers will pay for the dinners this trip.

Birthday congratulations this month go to Madeline Abdusso of the Cradle Room. Madeline is one of the newer recruits here and seems to be getting along fine. She lives in Milford.

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JOINT SALES CONFERENCE

Principals at the Joint Sales Conference held July 29 at the Whitinsville Golf Club. Left to right, seated: Ralph E. Lincoln, Robert G. McKaig, Robert I. Dalton, Charlotte; Sydney R. Mason, Fred Moss, J. Hugh Bolton, Sr., E. Kent Swift, F. E. Banfield, Jr., Robert J. McConnell, William H. Porcher, Charlotte; Benjamin B. Peacock, Atlanta; Edward S. Alden. Left to right, standing: Joseph Moss, Carl Brandt, Charles Sorton, Thad Flowers, Charlotte; Milton J. Bentley, Atlanta; James A. Robertson, John F. Wasiuk, John H. Kovar, James F. Marshall, Murray W. Keeler, William J. Dunleavy, Richard Rawlinson, Erik O. Pierson, Eugene M. Kennedy, Fred Tattersall, Richard W. Dunn, Charlotte; John H. Cunningham, Fletcher O. Rizer, Pryce S. Spencer, Stillman B. Hyde, Robert I. Dalton, Jr., Charlotte; Robert F. Waters, John H. Bolton, Jr., George F. McRoberts, Robert A. Hargreaves, and Harold T. Heathcote

Keeping Up with the News

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Leo Asadoorian has returned from his two weeks of training at Camp Edwards. Leo has lost his extra weight, but we suppose it won't take him long to get it back again.

Ed Toney is still walking around in a daze. He got married last month and hasn't come back to normal yet.

Earl Briggs combined his vacation with business. He attended the Grange Convention at the University of Maine. Ray Heroux filled in for him at 414.

Arthur Brooks is doing his best to keep our office decorated. He has some of the nicest gladioli seen this year.

Tony Coito has moved into his summer camp in Sutton. Tony says there is nothing like the wide, open spaces.

Vacations were enjoyed by Sophie Olyesk, Benny Tjaarda, Billy Chiras, Barbara Haines and Ray Young.

Bill Chiras was elected a delegate to attend the Disabled Vets Conference August 20 through September 1.

Tom Keegan of Department 412 has concluded his duties here. Tom joined the Navy.

Department 414 Social Club had election of officers with Leo Asadoorian being elected president; Al Deletti, vice-president; and Earl Briggs, financial secretary. The trustees for the year are: Earl White, Norm Burroughs and Bill Baszner.

The upset of the month is Art Braman of 412 defeating Herbie Brown of 414. Herbie is considered the champion horseshoe pitcher around these parts.

Another upset in this section occurred in the cribbage games between Joe Hern and Norman Wood. The odd part of this is that Joe taught Norm how to play the game a few weeks ago, and Joe hasn't won a game in the last 25 battles.

WINDER JOB

by "Dorsey" Devlin

Evidently the high price of meat is playing a little havoc with meat cutters, as well as the customers. Bob Hultgren showed up for work one Monday morning with a bandaged left hand, which he cut while cutting steak in his father's market over the week end.

BROUGHT HOME THE PROOF

Leon Fletcher of the Winder Job caught these two stripers at Narragansett Bay. Leon being a member of the Narragansett Bay Fishing Club might have something to do with the catch

Don Sangster, assistant to the divisional superintendent, walked off with one of the attendance prizes, a bolt of suiting cloth, at the Worcester County Sheriff's Outing at the Wachusett Country Club in West Boylston on Saturday, August 14.

What has become of our baseball challenge that was in an early issue of the SPINDLE? The boys wonder whether such stars as Floyd Gudanowski, Ted Podles, Joe Maisto, "Sooey" Degateano and "Ziggy" King are scaring off the opposition. The "weaker" sex on the job say that if the "stars'" challenge is not going to be accepted, maybe they could pick up a softball team to play any female aggregation in the plant. They would present the following line-up, in charge of Capt. Maggie McBratney, who will play first base: Adelaide Towle, pitcher; Alexandrina Clifford, catcher; Molly McGeough, shortstop; Margaret Gendron, second base; Hannah McGuiness, third base; Lucinda Charron, left field; Margaret Proffitt, center field and Mary Murray, right field. Maude Roche, as coach, will accept the challenges. The line-up will be augmented by a promising crop of young rookies.

Anna Wojtalik of the Winder Office force recently spent a week end in Washington, D. C.

Mary Kane has been given several parties and showers in honor of her forthcoming marriage to Eugene Whalen of Millville.

Bill Duggan has returned to St. Mary's Academy in Milford and Murad Markarian to Devens College.

Alice Ellsey (my Girl Friday) was at Hampton Beach, N. H. for a week in August.

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Sports Talk

by Harold Case

The softball activities have vanished but I think a résumé of the season's records should go in the SPINDLE this month.

Last year the Rockdale American Legion team swept both halves eliminating any play-offs. This year, the Gym team won the last half necessitating a two-out-of-three series with the first half winning team, the Legion. The Gym swept the series, winning the first game at Vail Field in an extra inning game, 5 to 4, and taking the second played in Rockdale by a 9 to 3 score to end a very tight season. The first half ended in a two-way tie between the Legion and the K. of C. Fred's Restaurant came within one game of making it a three-way tie. The second half also came within one game of a tie. In closing the season it might be interesting to note that 250 games were scheduled and 233 games were played plus 18 extra games to break ties and to determine the season's champs.

The Pop's League seemed like it was going on forever. The leading four teams played for the Championship and all the teams had to play the full three games to determine the two leaders. Walt Lawton's crew, Dick's Sunoco, had a nine inning tie game with the Riverdale Booters, and Mizzy's Tile gave Oscar Erickson's W.M.W. Office a pasting to start things off. Lawton's Dick's Sunoco team finally overpowered Riverdale in the qualifying play-offs, while Mizzy sprung a surprise by knocking out the W.M.W. Office, thereby qualifying them for the championship finals. Dick's Sunoco team won the Pop's League Championship by a forfeit as managers Lawton and Mizzy experienced a conflict on rules governing play-offs.

I am going to take the opportunity available in this column to get in a little tub-thumping for a hot volleyball season. It seems to me that almost all of the Pop's League players would welcome a chance to get a little exercise and fun one night a week to replace softball. So how about keeping the softball teams intact and play in a volleyball league? I know Riverdale would be very strong as would the Office, but the other clubs would come along as the weeks went by and perhaps at the end of the winter season a round robin tournament could be scheduled to determine the champs. That way the season's wins and losses wouldn't make any difference. It's an idea anyway.

Blackstone Valley League Standing

	Won	Lost
Hopedale	28	7
Whitin's	26	9
Douglas	25	10
Uxbridge	18	14
Milford	13	20
Marquette	12	19
S. Grafton	6	26
Rockdale	5	28

W.M.W. SOFTBALL TEAM

Front row, left to right: Jomes Davidson, Mike Morker, Tippy O'Neil, Everett Forsythe, Adam Davidson. Back row, left to right: Mac McClure, Roy Burroughs, Horold Case, Oscar Erickson, Luke Lomartire and Rusty Malkasian. Charles Commons was obsent

DICK'S SUNOCO SOFTBALL TEAM

Front row, left to right: Walter Lawton, Ted Bisson, Carl Johnston, Roland Breault, Harry Remillard. Back row, left to right: Bob Caston, Chick Winchell, Mahlon Graves, Pete Army and Alex Groy

Hobby—CABIN CRUISER DELUXE

After months of patient and persistent effort, Oliver Tremblay dreams of the day next summer when he will launch his luxurious cabin cruiser

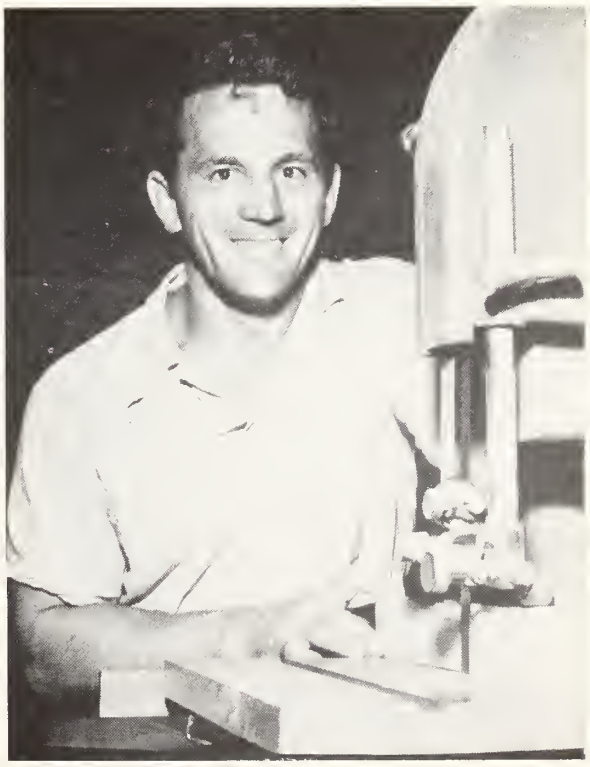
FROM the time he was a boy and lived in Fall River, where his father was a boatbuilder, Oliver Tremblay of the Tool Job has dreamed of owning a luxurious ocean-going boat.

Three years ago, in the yard at the rear of his home at Cumberland, R. I., Oliver started to lay the keel of a 35-foot cruiser and to make his dream become a reality.

Oliver had thought a long time about the kind of boat he wanted, and when he engaged an architect in Ohio, he submitted his ideas which resulted in plans that called for a rugged, seaworthy craft with trim lines. Following these specifications, Oliver has completed more than three-quarters of the boat. Throughout the cruiser, he has used double planking of spruce and mahogany. The vessel has over 12,000 screws, all with glued wooden plugs on the reverse side, 3,000 copper rivets, and already is covered with three coats of paint. In the opinion of one professional boatbuilder, Oliver's boat is so well constructed that it should last for 100 years.

Before next summer, Oliver expects to have the cabin built and outfitted. Inside the cabin he plans to have a galley, sleeping accommodations for six, a toilet, electric refrigerator, table, stove, sink, lockers, dish racks, drawers, and shelves. He plans to install even a radio telephone for communicating with other ships and with persons on shore. To date, Oliver has spent over $8,000 for materials only. However, when this deluxe cruiser is completed it will be worth more than $20,000.

We congratulate Oliver for his skill and persistence in building the boat of his dreams and we hope that he and Mrs. Tremblay may enjoy many pleasant and happy voyages in their luxurious cabin cruiser.



Oliver has labored thousands of hours on his boat. He is shown operating a bandsaw in his workshop

METAL

Rein Workman is one of our senior employees with a service record of fifty-three years. Rein is working on a whorl moulding machine. These detachable whorl patterns are fastened anto a plate to increase production

Prior to 1894 all castings in our Foundry moulded by hand. However, in that year we l our first moulding machine and took the first s towards mechanizing the Foundry. In making first moulding machine the use of metal patt was introduced in our manufacturing proeesses w it has continued to grow in importance.

The first moulding machine was made on the Job by George A. Copeland under the directio Albert H. Whipple. Thereafter all loose or si iron patterns were made or finished in various de ments throughout the Shop. Finally in Febru 1911, the Shop established a Metal Pattern De ment with a staff of twenty-five men under the manship of Charles Stuart.

The next important advance in metal patt making resulted from the installation of a smal compressor to supply compressed air to the Fou moulding units. Since vibrator pattern plates needed by the Foundry for use with its new compre air equipment, the Metal Pattern Department ealled upon to supply them.

In December, 1945, Gerrit Dykstra succe Charles Stuart as foreman of the department. To with a complement of fifty-eight employees, department is producing more than 1,500 pat plates and 2,000 loose patterns a year.

The metal patternmaker, not unlike the patternmaker, must know his job thoroughly. must be able to make all types of metal patterns simple and complicated blueprints, with a mini of supervision. He is required to know how to se and operate various machines used in pattern mal

Harry Daubney, ossistant foremon, on the left, talks over a drawing with repair man Bill Prior. When new jigs or fixtures are needed, Harry mokes the drawings

Gerrit Dykstra, on the left, foreman, and Jack Leonard, clerk, are shown identifying a loose or single metal pattern. Gerrit was far many years assistant to Charles Stuart, first foreman of the Metal Pattern Job

One of the departmen 's outstand repair men is Harry "Bunky" Kearn He is shown repairing a tai

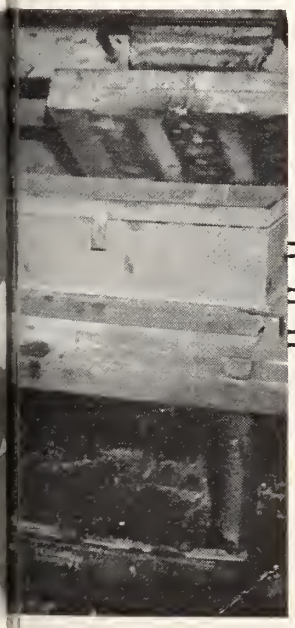
ATTERNS

Metal patterns, just as wood patterns, are used for ulding castings. Wood patterns are used when the antity of castings required is not great. However, en large quantities of any part are desired, the stings are made with metal patterns. In such cases eral metal patterns are frequently put on aluminum iron plates to cast parts in one moulding operation. In making a metal pattern, a casting must be made m the original wood pattern. The casting then sses through a series of machine operations, from he work to drilling, and after the finished dimenns are checked, it is ready for use as a metal pattern. The Metal Pattern Department performs another portant function in maintaining all Foundry manery. Thirty-eight men under the supervision of l Farland, work day and night to keep the chinery in good running condition so that the undry might operate without interruption at full pacity.

We salute the men of this department who are ly contributing to the growth and progress of our mpany. We extend congratulations particularly the senior employees of the Metal Pattern Job: in Workman who has served the Company for years; Harold Oakes with 43 years' service; bert Clark whose record is 40 years; John Leonard, years; Harry Kearnan, 36 years; Harry Alger, years; Bernard DeVries, 34 years; Philibos Bedin, 34 years; Leon Garabedian, 33 years; Harold rren, 33 years; John Sohigian, 32 years; Ernest yson, 31 years; Patrick Goggin, 31 years; Karl nkin, 31 years; Albert Martin, 22 years; Gerrit kstra, 21 years; and Lewis Stimpson, 21 years.

Ernest Payson, pattern maker, is shown soldering a motor stand pattern. This particular pattern is approximately two and one-half feet square. Ernest first came to Whitin in 1902. During the war, he worked on the Magneto Job

Eva Barnes, tool crib attendant, also operates the engraving machine used for marking numbers on all metal patterns. Eva was an inspector on the Magneto Job during the war



machine in the Foundry. ell known and one of the pular men in the plant

Inspector Harry Alger, on the left, checks an aluminum plate as it is being finished by Kirkor Barsamian. Individual patterns are made by the pattern maker and then cast into an aluminum plate

So Shall Ye Reap

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which was credited with sparking the Victory Garden Program to 22,000,000 victory gardens in 1943, recently informed the Home Garden Club that their Whitinsville Club was one of the largest of its kind in the country.

This year the annual Home Garden Club exhibition was held on Saturday, September 11. The Club extended an invitation to all, not only to attend, but also to participate in the program by entering exhibits of vegetables, flowers, and canned goods. An entertainment followed the exhibition and interested even the children who were present. It is expected that a harvest supper will conclude the program for this year.

Following is the score for gardens with a rating of 75 points or more:

Wilfred Sampson	95
Andrew Ballantine	94
Joe Henault	94
Ernest Chase	94
Peter Kooistra	93
Aleek Vanderbrug	93
J. W. Marshall	93
J. F. Marshall	92.5
S. Daldoorian	92
Charles Harriman	92
Michael Feen	92
Winford Jones	91.5
Gerritt Ebbeling	91.5
Norman White	91
Hugh Mateer	91
Arthur Leavitt	91
John Stanoviteh	91
Eli Brusso	91
Merril True	91
D. C. Heald	90.5
Newall Wallace	90
M. Swisaz	90
Frank Hogan	90
C. Ebbeling	90
Wm. Vandersloot	90
P. B. Walker	89.5
Simon Wiersma	89.5
Martin Haringa	89
Aldege Boudoin	89
Paul Hale	89
Paul Johnson	88.5
Geo. Deboer	88
Albert Manter	88
Gilbert Harwood	88
M. Varterisian	88
Cecil Small	87.5
Fred Dexter	87.5
Fred Muse (Potatoes)	87
Jacob Ovian	87
Norman White (Potatoes)	87
Jacob Haringa	87
Andrew Buwalda	87
Robt. Williams	87
Onnig Muradian	86
Peter Johnson	86
Wilfred Dupont	86
R. Brusso	86
Stanley Rutana	86
K. Meader	85
Joe Chicci	85
Geo. McKee	85
H. Lightbown	84
Wm. Lanyon	84
Wm. Pare	84
Rosario Lariviere	84
Tony Marteka	84
M. Ovian	84
James Spence	83.5
Thom. O'Connell	83
Walter Szoniek	83
Chas. Walker	83
Lloyd Flint	83
H. Wilbur	82
Ernest Smith	82
Robt. Conlee	82
H. Anderson	82
John Wiersma	82
Chas. Naroian	82
Chas. Riley	82
Leroy Drinkwater	81
Irving Larsen	81
John Ball	81
Louis Hookstra	81
Issac Kalousian	81
Al Lescoe	81
T. Stevenson	80.5
Erik Pierson	79.5
D. K. Barnes	79
Simon Plitouke	79
John Bogie	78.5
Chas. Sorton	78.5
H. Flinton (Potatoes)	78
R. Walker	77.5
Curt Card	77.5
Ben Applegate	77
John Zelusaaso	77
Benj. Brouwer	76.5
Everett Gasper	76
Gilbert Harwood, Jr.	76
Clifton Maynard	76
Geo. Albreeht	75.5
Roy Hamilton	75
D. S. Baker	75
Gordon Rankin (Potatoes)	75
Henry Lavallee	75
Wm. Vandersloot (Potatoes)	75

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At the Magill family reunion held on Leland Road on August 12 were: Mrs. Katherine Magill, David Magill, of the Methods Department, and family, and William Magill, second hand in Department 411 and family.

Winnie Sizer returned to work after several months leave of absence.

LOOKING 'EM OVER

We received this photograph to prove that Dorsey Devlin really does take in those Yankee games at New York. However, he might be looking the horses over down at the track

FREIGHT HOUSE

by Harold Baszner

On August 11, a double stag party at Lombardi's in Milford was given to Elwin Elliott and Clarence Bisson of the Freight Office staff. These two gentlemen have chosen to partake of membership in the pipe and slipper club in the near future. Edward Gorman was toastmaster and during the evening presented purses to each of the young men as a token of best wishes from the Freight Office and close friends. Marcel Turgeon rendered a few classical numbers on the piano and Clyde Gould played some fine boogie-woogie. All in all, a pleasant evening and a send-off to the boys with the very best of everything wished them and their future wives.

FOUR GENERATIONS

Four generations represented at Tatro family reunion. Left to right: Mrs. Theresa Sullivan, Mrs. Bertha Blair, Mrs. Ethan Tatro and Roberta Sullivan

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THE YARD & OUTSIDE CREWS

by Bill Scanlon

Charlie Commons, foreman of outside maintenance, was on vacation the second week in August. Frank Turner helped out during Charlie's absence.

Jack O'Neil of the yard gang has been promising to bring his wife home flowers each week end. The boys who ride with him say if he doesn't hurry up, the flower season will be over.

Bill Bolieo has set the style in a new haircut. Louis Yacino didn't know whether he was going back to college or coming to work.

Joe Bouvier, watchman at the yard office gate, received a book about his family tree. By the size of it, no one tree could hold that amount. It would have to be a forest.

SPINNING DEPARTMENT

by Francis J. Horan

The happiest man in the department at the conclusion of St. Patrick's Church lawn party was George Robbins. "Robbie" was the holder of the lucky ticket on the Frigidaire.

Members of the department on the committee for the C.I.O. dance included Roy Krumbholz, Bill LeClaire, Ed St. Andre and Walter and Louise Oolovgian.

By the time this SPINDLE goes to press, the aches and pains derived from our first sessions of bowling will probably be well taken care of.

Peter Andonian has returned to work after a two-week refresher course with the Naval Air Squadron at Squantam. Pete is in the Naval Reserve. We are also glad to hear that his wife is well on the way to recovery after a major operation.

SOMETHING NEW FOR EXERCISE

rving Lees, of the Spinning Floor, spends nuch of his spare time paddling around Meadow Pond on his water bicycle. This water-going vehicle was built by rving's father, Harry Lees, of No. 2 Office

STAG PARTY

Friends of Russell Blaine, of Department 422, gathered at the Maple Tree Inn August 6 to celebrate his marriage of August 21. Left to right: Kenny Merchant, Dominic Corporale, Rene Stehenne, Leo Houle, T. M. Larsen, Charlie Hoekstra, Russell Blaine, Wendell Piper, Horace Ravenille, John Birdwell, Orrie Jacobs, Anton Gronvall and Bill Keegan

Susie DerSarkisian's wardrobe creates quite a bit of comment. She very seldom wears the same outfit a whole day. When asked what she did with her old clothes, she said she gives them to D.P.'s. If she gets married and her husband has to keep this up, he will have the D.T.'s.

RING JOB

by Everett A. Gaspar

Ernie Glode of Uxbridge came back with a healthy tan after two weeks of combat fight training at Camp Edwards with the National Guard. Thirteen thousand Guardsmen paraded for Governor Bradford during the two-week stay.

We have several new persons on the job—some for the summer, and some regulars. Irma Cronan goes back to St. Mary's in Milford in the fall, and Betty Wood goes back to Northbridge High. Alphonse Turgeon, who was a Ring Jobber a few years ago; Richard Mulligan of Woonsocket, and Marcel Boivin of Northbridge all have joined us. Welcome to you all.

On July 31, several of the fellows went on a deep-sea fishing trip at Plymouth. Freddie Dionne caught the biggest fish; Bobby Philbrook, the smallest; Johnny Hoyle of Woonsocket was practically in tears—he caught exactly none. Al Blanchette had a bad time of it, because he got his feet sunburned, and had a hard time walking.

SPINDLE JOB

by Joe Hickey

Anyone knowing of an extra-large shop cap please notify Dave Cooper. He has all of his friends shopping around for one but up to date has been unsuccessful in obtaining one. The reason is—size 7⅝.

Ovila Gervais came to work recently with an added beauty spot, a beautiful black eye. The way he explains it is that a broom handle fell on him when he opened a closet.

It seems as if Joe Chabot of the Automatics has had his last warning from the Canadian police. Joe had a tangle with a Canadian bus and came out on the receiving end. Later on in his travels a horse and buggy gave his Nash more trouble. The boys on the Automatics think that Joe should be a little more careful of our good-neighbor policy with Canada.

The Spindle Job can boast of at least one champion. Chet Jones of the Straightening Department eats at least seven candy bars a day, and then takes a few home for the kids.

Margaret Marshall was tendered a surprise birthday party recently and received various gifts and many well wishes from her friends in the department.

TIME OUT

Roger Harpin and John L. Sullivan Shugrue pose for a picture during a softball game between the benedicts and the single men of the Core Room. The losers in a two out of three game series buy the chicken dinner

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BOLSTER JOB

by Bizar Hagopian

Harold Flinton is quite proud of the hill of potatoes in his garden that produced twenty good-sized tubers.

About a month ago Francis Giard challenged Thys Baker and Eddie Rainville to a series of golf matches that were played at the golf course in Milford, but he hasn't been able to beat them yet.

A party was given Rose Marie Pilla in honor of her forthcoming marriage to Steve Atamian by the girls of Department 438, at the Boeci Club in Woonsocket on August 11. Rose Marie was presented with gifts and flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Swisicz celebrated their ninth wedding anniversary on August 12 with a week-end trip to New York. They are the parents of two children. Mike operates the centerless grinder on the Bolster Job.

We wish "Toni" Onorato, inspector, and George Sesona many happy returns on their birthdays. "Toni" celebrated his on August 11 and George on July 22.

ROVING SMALL PARTS

by Betty McCudden

Jack O'Brien reports that a real mouse disappeared in the papers on the desk of Crib No. 11. Betty McCudden wanted to be sure that it wasn't in her handbag. How she explored the contents is shown in the cartoon.

Our sympathy to Bernard Farrar who was out of work for three days. Bernie was bitten by a dog.

Bill Ledue has been released from the hospital. Here's wishing you a quick recovery, Bill.

Dan Gonlag of this job is quite a baseball fan, but is continually rooting for the losers.

Best of luck to Therron Pope who has enlisted in the Navy.

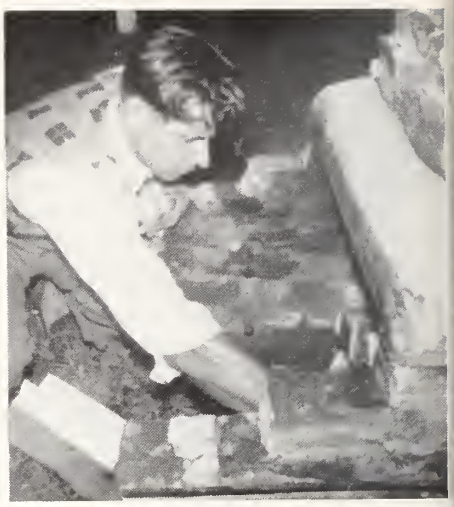
COTTON MILL

by Louise Sohigian

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gardner who celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary on July 23.

Reggie Demague and Tony Campo broke a piston in their car on the way to Old Orchard Beach. After they convinced the officer that they were not vagrants, he gave them lodging at the county jail.

Micky Deane reports that members of Department 451 attended the recent Cleveland–Red Sox game at Boston. Louise Sohigian, the reporter of this column, acted as business manager for the trip and purchased tickets for the game. However, as she handed tickets to her friends as they filed through the admittance gate, Louise soon found out that she had not ordered enough tickets to admit the whole group. Consequently, everybody enjoyed the game but Louise and a friend, who were on the outside looking in.



BRING ON THE WEENIES

Several members of Department 451 recently held a picnic and weenie roast. Earl Karlson is shown lighting the fire to start the roast

Betty McCudden Hunts Mouse

GEAR JOB

by Ray Larochelle

Betty Bishop has returned to work after a month's leave of absence to be with her husband, AMM 1/c Norman Bishop. He soon leaves for sea duty.

John Erickson, in his new Air Corps uniform, made a quick visit to the Job. Johnny is on furlough and expects to leave for England soon.

Our quiet Jennie Ozog had a run-in with a very nice state trooper, but being the diplomat that she is, all she had to listen to was a lecture about defective lights.

Birthday greetings to Carl Rein. May you have many more of them.

A few of the boys on the Job are building their own homes. Eugene MacClure is building in North Uxbridge; Edward Kozek in Plummers; and James Menard in Linwood. Lots of good luck and may you move into your new homes soon.

COMBER JOB

by Hector Chase

Mr. and Mrs. Camille E. Gauvin of North Smithfield, R. I., quietly celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on September 5. Cam is our time clerk on the Comber Job.

Douglas Gilchrist of Main Street, Upton, has returned to work after being operated on.

Joe Swiszcz of Millville goes to Vermont and New Hampshire every year on a fishing trip. He never fails to come back to tell us what a great country it is for fishing.

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ATTENDED CLAMBAKE

Standing, left to right: Felix Gauthier, Ronald Blakely, Edward Kane, Sr., Pat McCudden. Seated: Norman Lightbown

SCREW & GRINDER JOBS

by Sylvia Simonian

This year the Screw Job held its annual clambake at Point Breeze, Webster. On the menu were: Lobster, clams, clam chowder and watermelon. A softball game was held between the married men and the single men. Nobody knows which side won, but the final score was 25 to 19. The highlight of this game was Fred LaFrancois' catch of a high foul ball. He leaped high in the air and landed flat on his stomach with the ball in his glove.

Chet McQuilken and Harlan Goodwin recently learned that it is not good practice to replace defective fuses with one hand while the other rests on a water pipe. To be standing on a stepladder at the same time is even worse.

It's hard to tell which Lolly Kane enjoys more, the Whitin ball games or the numerous "cokes" he consumes and supplies his friends.

PICKERS AND ROVING

by Sidney Miedema

Margaret Rice, our timekeeper, has decided to vacation in Scotland for two months, accompanying her mother, a native of that country. Catherine Elsfelder, a native of Slatersville, R. I., is to take Peggy's place at the timekeeper's desk.

We were glad to see Johnny Brezniak back after his minor injury.

Heine Hall and Bob Bellevelle spend their week ends in the used-car lots looking for a good buy, meaning something that will actually move under its own power.

Arthur Leavett, assistant foreman of Department 443, might be running for some political office this fall. He is giving out some large cucumbers to the boys on the job.

Harold Wright of Department 443 is back on the job again and has the glowing appearance of a beet after a week in Provincetown.

Edward Devoe of Department 421, of Millbury, has taken leave to take an electrician's course in Worcester. Ed has been working here at 421 for seven years and the boys wish him success.

Department 447 welcomes Richard Norton, James Ashworth, Sr., Clem Stanislaus and Donald Corson. Crib 20 welcomes James Chandler and James West to its staff.

Well tanned, Bob Smith has returned from his vacation at Nantasket Beach.

ROLL JOB

by Harold O'Connell

Best birthday wishes to Emil Deschamps on August 29; Arthur Anderson, September 18; Edward Driscoll, August 25; Lew Lyman, September 6; Cesag Onanian, August 15; Harold Tatro, August 16; Simon Wolock, September 18; and Edward Thomas, Sr., August 23.

Arthur Baillargeon smoked a loaded cigar at the Red Sox night game August 17 at Fenway Park. "Fat" loves cigars, but it is the first time one exploded in his face.

While vacationing at Hampton Beach recently, James Peck became acquainted with "Bunny" Wilkinson who is employed in the personnel department of the Arlington Mills in Lawrence, Mass. She asked Jimmy why she never saw his photo or name in THE WHITIN SPINDLE. Our Personnel Department sends the Arlington Mills a copy of the SPINDLE.

Janet Wenclawik, who was married to Raymond Stefancyk on July 17 in St. Stanislaus Church in Woonsocket, R. I., has returned to work after a honeymoon of two weeks spent at Lake Winnepesaukee, N. H. and York Beach, Me.

Cesag Onanian found, after chasing his pet dog practically all over town, that it was much easier to get the dog into the house by asking Mrs. Onanian to call it in.

Harry Knight has resigned his job to accept a job in a Millbury machine shop. We all wish Harry good luck.

Doris Jacques has returned as an inspector of rolls after an absence of a year and seven months.

Emil Deschamps, who was operated on at the Massachusetts Osteopathic Hospital in Boston, is doing very well and is expected home shortly.

TOOL JOB

by Shirley Oby

Phil Ryan recently returned from a month's vacation in Newfoundland where he visited relatives and friends.

Al Ledoux landed a six and one-half pound bass in Meadow Pond not too long ago.

Al "Buck" Belanger returned to work after being in the hospital nursing a case of blood poisoning.

Art Bokoski had a little trouble a few weeks ago. Seems he parks his car in the Douglas lot. His brakes let go and it rolled into another car.

Ray Adams is trying to interest Don Bunker in astrology.

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GROVE SCHOOL DAYS—THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

First row, left to right: William Todd, Harry Bedford, Edward Roberts, Francis Horan, Robert Marshall, Myron Dupre, Jack Mills, Harold Firth, Donald Connors, Thomas Marshall, John Lafarriere. Second row: Marjorie Harmson, Helen Gellately, Florence McKnight, Jean Strachan, Annie Wallace, Gertrude Mathewman, Margaret (Cahill) Leonard, Margaret Brennan, Isabelle (McCellan) Lane, Clarice (Feddema) Connors. Third row: Hazel McKnight, Irene (Rothwell) Conlan, Katherine (Taylor) Murray, Doris (Hickox) Spencer, Laurentia Duquette, Letitia (Cochrane) Houghton, Ruth Bowen, Sadie (Kroll) Brouwers, Elizabeth Kingston, Catherine Baker, Anna (Cobb) Sullivan, Amelia Smith. Fourth row: Linden Scott, Harley Keeler, Burnham Bigelow, Francis Campbell, Joseph Cooney, Lester Williams, Samuel Currie, Raymond Hobbs, Roger Hobbs

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OFFICE NEWS

by Dorothy Webster

The Production Department bid a sad farewell last month to Elizabeth Gigarjian who has taken a position in a Wall Street Bank in New York City.

Jane and Peggy Spratt and Connie Wood went to Hampton Beach to get away from Whitinsville and its people, but found it was just like walking down Church Street.

Welcome back to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gilchrist. We hope you enjoyed your honeymoon trip.

Nina Beckwith enjoyed a week's stay at Washington, D. C.

Jim Stone spent his vacation in Dallas, Tex., but admits that he "sho" missed the Massachusetts climate. Just like everything else in Texas, it gets hotter there than anywhere.

By the looks of some of the girls in the Production Department, there are various shades of "tan," ranging from dark brown to red.

A farewell party was tendered Ann Haringa at the Moors on Wednesday, August 25, by Celia Normandin, Ruth Magill, Dot Philbrook, Doris Freitas and Arnor Champany. During the evening, Ann was presented with a silver bracelet and many good wishes for a wonderful trip to California.

Bill Walsh, Ticky and John Romasco and Mossy Murray enjoyed a Red Sox-Yankee game in Boston one night recently much more than they did exploring the back roads of Upton trying to find the road home.

Bill Linkow took in the sights on Fifth Ave. and Broadway while on vacation and returned with a stiff neck from gazing at the tall buildings.

We say goodbye to Joan Carse, Bertha Ebbeling, Shirley Magill, Nancy Meader, Barbara Spratt and Lois Dermody as they return to school. We welcome four new girls—Nancy Fisher, Claire Gill, Betty McGilton and Joan Woodall.

Congratulations were in order on September 3 for Mr. and Mrs. Harold Whitehead on the occasion of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Rose Coporal is the regular leftfielder for the "Dobbs Pep Lassies" of Worcester, who are state champions in the girls' softball league.

Congratulations to "Tad" Wallace and the "Missus" on their ninth wedding anniversary which they celebrated August 19.

A group of thirty people from the Production Department attended a clambake at Lunt's in Sterling on August 6. Dot Manter and John Hay headed the committee on arrangements. Eating honors for the evening were divided between Leo Palmeri and Dick Cunningham.

FISHING AT CAPE COD

Left to right: Billie Hall, Peter Hunt, Herbert Barnes, Leslie Benton, Howard Anderson and Roy Benner

About 300 friends attended a double shower in honor of Pauline Valliere of the Production Department and Leonard Baldwin of the Payroll Department. The well-attended affair was held at Eagle's Hall in North Uxbridge, Saturday, August 14. The couple will be married September 15.

Rose Abbate has returned after spending a week at Old Orchard Beach, Maine. She reports a wonderful time and is sporting a good tan.

Best of luck to Bill Dion who left us to join the Air Corps. Bill's theme song now is "Silver Wings."

WAGE STANDARDS

The Wage Standards Department welcomes the following new colleagues—Frank Steinbek and Wayne Stinson.

Betty Holmes has been working during the college vacation.

METHODS DEPARTMENT

Stella Jenda has left us to get married to Ray Larochelle. A farewell party was given her at the Colonial Club in Webster. She was presented with a set of lamps. Congratulations and best wishes!

Helen Altoonian spent an enjoyable week at Old Orchard Beach.

We welcome to our Department—James Shaw, William Boyd, and Alfred Melling. Hope they will enjoy working with us.

SALES DEPARTMENT

Misses Helen Gilroy and Doris Blouin have taken the trip up the Saguenay in Canada, stopping off at various points of interest in Canada. The girls had many interesting stories to tell when they came back.

Louise Bedford is back with us again after having spent an enjoyable week at her summer cottage in Georgetown, Maine.

Lee McFarland had an interesting trip up to Vinalhaven, Maine.

Martha Bedigian is planning to spend her vacation with her 17-month-old son, "Kippy."

MASTER LIST DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Lillian Sampson of Rockdale has joined the Compotype operators in our department.

Dottie Hayes of the Master List Department celebrated her eighteenth birthday on August 17.

Mrs. Rose Malkasian plans to take a leave of absence at the end of August.

Phyllis Randall recently received a "hope chest" as a present.

Mrs. Beatrice Fior of our office was called home to Hawaii on August 18 due to the serious illness of her father. Bon voyage, Beatrice!

Vacations were enjoyed by Ray Tebeau at the Cape; Roland Boutiette and wife at Daniel Webster Lodge, North Woodstock, N. H.; Ernest Parker and wife at Orleans on the Cape, and Edward Desjourdy and family at Lake Baboosic, N. H.

James Davidson received a note of commendation and two cents from "Mizzy" Misakian for giving Mizzy's team two runs in the softball game one night last month. Jim says Mizzy is a pretty poor sport—only paying two cents for two runs.

"Tip" O'Neil was playing right field for six innings the other night when Jim Davidson, disgusted because they were losing the game, asked Tip to switch with him and play second base. Tip agreed, then during the next inning a nice double play ball was hit to Marker. Tip, still thinking that he was playing right field, just stood there watching the play, Mike Marker yelling at him to cover

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the base and Tip just stood. After Mike threw the ball, Tip was so chagrined with himself he forgot the man on third base who ran home while Tip still held onto the ball. All in fun, Tip. Guess you were dreaming about a moonlight cruise.

REPAIR DEPARTMENT

The Repair Department vacationists are as follows—

Grace Manning vacationed at the Cape, got back in time for the farewell party held for Ruth Thompson at Abner Wheeler's.

Herb Lightbown had fun vacationing at Block Island.

Lucille Plant stayed home to welcome her brother, Dunbar, on furlough from the Army.

Alice Bloem and Margaret Kennedy had the same week off, so they traveled places together.

Gladys VandenAkker is vacationing right around home.

"Reggie" Rascoe divided her time at various places, one stop planned for was Old Orchard Beach.

Elmer Benton is teaching his son the art of fishing.

We welcome Joyce Boutilier. Joyce is a recent June graduate of Douglas High School.

MAIN OFFICE AND PAYROLL DEPARTMENT

Ike Hanny, James Colthart and Marion Boyd of the Payroll Department are on vacation. Marion went to New Hampshire.

Betty Graham and Florence Baldwin vacationed at the Cape where they enjoyed the cool sea breezes.

Nellie Spratt is back at work after quite a long illness.

Mary Galleshaw served on the reception committee and as a hostess at the National Convention of the Daughters of Isabella held in Boston, August 8–13.

Mrs. Rose Ovoian has taken a leave of absence. Rose was secretary to Bryant Nichols.

COST DEPARTMENT

Eighteen early risers from the Cost Department went deep-sea fishing Saturday, July 24 in Cape Cod Bay. It was a day well spent, particularly the trip through the Canal which was new and of interest to the rubber-legged Cost men. Prizes went to Teliz "Isaac Walton" Richards who caught a 4¼-pound cod. Herb Barnes was a close second with a 4-pound flounder to his credit. Dick Hanny hauled in a good-sized sand shark, but it not being an edible fish, could not qualify for prize money. Bob Gerard lost his hat, while Ken Maynard, Ken Crossman and Phil Johnson were low men in the prize money. Another try for bluefish is planned in September.

Joe Krol and Bob Gerard recently received degrees from Hill College.

Oscar Erickson pitched his softball team to a lopsided victory over the Roll Job.

DRAFTING ROOM

Burt McGaw spent a quiet vacation building a garage on Maple Ave., Grafton, Mass.

Muriel Dupre transferred to Paint Job, Department 452, from our department.

Miss Audrey Hanny spent her vacation week at Washington, D. C.

Mr. Arthur Wilson and family vacationed at Horse Neck Beach, New Bedford, Mass.

Mr. Charles Sorton and family vacationed at Cape Cod.

Jackie Kooistra traveled by car to Grand Rapids, Mich. and Chicago for his vacation.

NO. 2 OFFICE

Ken Benner and his wife recently entertained Ev Feddema and Dot Michalik at Benner Haven. Mr. "B" proved to be quite a sailor—cruising the girls and their menfolk around the lake in his motor boat.

Our sick list has been greater than we like to have it. Bob Premo had his appendix taken out, but has recuperated nicely.

Both the wives of Louis Chabot and Harry Lees were ill at the Whitinsville hospital last month. We sincerely wish a speedy recovery to each of them.

Vacation time was at its peak with everyone anxious for his turn to come. George Fullerton was last to complete two weeks, returning with a "super duper" tale of the fish *he* caught.

MILLING & CHUCK JOBS

by Joe Roche

The employees of 416 wish to congratulate Bill and Mrs. Ratcliffe on the occasion of their fortieth wedding anniversary.

Francis "Stano" Stanovich has left our department to enroll at Marianapolis Academy in Connecticut where he hopes to star in football. "Art" Roche of Howard Dunford's crew is also going to the same school.

Dave Gray, Jr. and Gerry St. Germaine have returned to work in the pink of condition after two weeks with the National Guard at Camp Edwards. Ted Baldyga, one of our inspectors, is now serving a two-week stint with the National Guard.

We are glad to hear Bill Baszner, Sr., is on the road to recovery after an operation at St. Vincent's Hospital.

The Milling Job held an outing at Nantasket Beach, Saturday, August 21 with Sid VanderSea as chairman. The trip was made by bus.

Donald White, one of the most popular men of this department, has left for Wake Forest University. Good luck, Don, hope you make All-American.

Norman Spratt, one of the best bowlers in town, is reputed also to be quite a golfer. After years of playing golf, his handicap was cut this summer to fifteen strokes.

The 89th Worcester Music Festival

Music lovers will be glad to learn that the Festival, which will be held in the Worcester Municipal Auditorium from October 25 to October 30, again presents the Philadelphia Orchestra in a series of six concerts. Eugene Ormandy will conduct four subscription concerts and Alexander Hilsberg, associate conductor, will lead the Concert of Familiar Music and the Concert for Young People.

Walter Howe, music conductor of the Festival, will again conduct a chorus of 400 voices.

Soloists will include Worcester's own Polyna Stoska in her first homecoming since her triumph as an outstanding Metropolitan soprano.

Other artists who will be heard in the Festival concerts are Jan Peerce, Metropolitan tenor; Mme. Guiomar Novaes, Brazilian pianist; Clifford Curzon, English piano virtuoso; Jean Watson, Canadian concert contralto; and Harold Haugh, concert tenor and oratorio artist.

We suggest you peruse the following Program Outline and make early arrangements for tickets for your favorite concerts.

Monday Evening—Wagner, Overture to *"Tannhauser"*; Ravel, *Bolero;* Tchaikovsky, *Nutcracker Suite;* Chabrier, *Espana (Rhapsody)*—The Philadelphia Orchestra. Gershwin, *Summertime* and *I Got Plenty o' Nuttin'* from *"Porgy and Bess"*; Ward, *America the Beautiful* (arranged for Chorus and Orchestra)—The Worcester Festival Chorus. Arias by Jean Watson, Contralto.

Tuesday Evening—Bach-Ormandy, *Toccata* and *Fugue in D Minor;* Rimsky-Korsakoff, *Scheherazade*—The Philadelphia Orchestra. Bach, *"Magnificat anima mea Dominum"* from *"Magnificat in D"*—The Worcester Festival Chorus. Schumann, *Piano Concerto in A Minor*—Guiomar Novaes, Pianist.

Thursday Evening—Beethoven, *Symphony No. 8 in F Major;* Prokofieff, *Scythian Suite*—The Philadelphia Orchestra. Honegger, Scenes from *"King David"*—The Worcester Festival Chorus. Arias by Jan Peerce, Tenor.

Friday Evening—Arias by Polyna Stoska, Soprano. Mozart, *Symphony No. 35 in D Major* ("Haffner"); Ravel, *Daphnis et Chloë, Suite II*—The Philadelphia Orchestra. Kodaly, *Psalmus Hungaricus*—The Worcester Festival Chorus with Harold Haugh, Tenor.

Saturday Evening—Glinka, Overture to *"Russlan and Ludmilla"*; Tchaikovsky, *Symphony No. 4 in F Minor*—The Philadelphia Orchestra. Moussorgsky, *The Defeat of Sennacherib* and *Coronation Scene* from *"Boris"*—The Worcester Festival Chorus. Rachmaninoff, *Piano Concerto No. 2 in C Minor*—Clifford Curzon, Pianist.

Obituaries

We extend our deepest sympathy to Earl and Robert Wood on the recent death of their mother. Mrs. Wood, who had been ailing for some time, passed away August 20 at the Whitinsville Hospital.

The sudden death of Mrs. Minnie Burns was a terrible shock to all her fellow workers in Department 438. Mrs. Burns was one of the first women employed on the Bolster Job. She worked in this department for over five years. Members of the Bolster Job wish to express their heartfelt sympathy to the family of Mrs. Burns.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Leo Hurley on the death of his father on August 3. Leo is an employee on the Bolster Job night shift.

We extend our deepest sympathy to relatives and friends of John Kelliher who passed away suddenly on August 24. John, for the past several years, was employed on the Automatic Screw Job.

We extend heartfelt sympathy to Earl Karlson and family on the recent death of their mother on August 17.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Marie Ebbeling and family on the recent death of her husband, Gerrit Ebbeling.

We report with regret the death of Peter Schotanus of Department 438 on August 22. We extend heartfelt sympathy to his family.

MARQUETTE PARK

GRAND HOTEL ON MACKINAC ISLAND

Edna L'Esperance of the Master List Department spent her vacation at Mackinac Island on Lake Huron. The island is a land of historical interest and scenic beauty. At the right is a view of Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. It was at this hotel that Senator Arthur Vandenburg was staying when he was called to the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia. At the left Edna is shown admiring a monument in Marquette Park

MARRIAGES and ENGAGEMENTS

Janet Courtemanche of Material Requirements Department and Bernard Howard of the Gear Job were united in marriage on June 26. We extend our best wishes.

Best wishes to John Steel, Jr., of Department 412 and Frances Limarck of the Production Department on their forthcoming marriage on September 25. Frances is from Douglas and not Manchaug as previously reported.

Roland Gilmette of the Gear Job will marry his childhood sweetheart, Lorraine Hubert, on September 17. Both young people are from Woonsocket.

On July 31, Leonard Roy of the Ring Job, and Miss Rosemary Briggs of Blackstone were married at St. Paul's Church in Blackstone. Gerard Roy was the best man, and Ellen Tadeski was maid of honor.

On August 14, Miss Annie Jacobs and Rudy Gniadek of the Tool Job were married at the rectory of St. Peter's Church in Northbridge. John Morin was best man and Sadie Laferriere was the maid of honor.

Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Irving Lees who were married August 17 at the Presbyterian Church, Whitinsville. Irving is working on the Spinning Job for the summer and in the fall he will attend the Long Island School of Medicine.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN HALACY

This popular couple were married June 26 in St. Patrick's Church in Whitinsville. John is employed as a welder on the Tin Job. Mrs. Halacy is the former Margaret Gallishaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Gallishaw

MARRIED IN CANADA

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Rymeski were married in Welland, Ontario, on July 27. Mrs. Rymeski was formerly Betty Baiano of the Payroll Department. The couple plans to reside in Whitinsville

Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Frisk who were recently married. Leo works on the Roving Floor and Cecile is a stock clerk on the Chuck Job.

Kenneth Landry of the Foundry was married to Norma Fontaine on September 4 at the Assumption Church in Millbury. Congratulations and best wishes.

Donald Bigwood was married to Theresa Roy, daughter of John Roy of the Foundry, in the Good Shepherd Church, Linwood, on Labor Day.

Mary E. Kane of the Winder Job was married to Eugene Whalen of Millville in St. Patrick's Church on September 4.

Announcement has been received of the approaching marriage of Nancy Alcarese of Milford to Hector Bouchard of the Winder Job on November 6.

On July 27, the Main Office girls held a party for Marcia Nelson at Johnson's Sea Grill in Providence, in honor of her marriage to Rupert Smith of the Experimental Room.

Wedding bells rang for Joe Platukis of the Cost Department on August 14. He was married to Olga Iadarola of Milford. We wish them many years of happiness.

Mary Marlborough is sporting a beautiful diamond from Dick O'Connor of Worcester.

The engagement of Robert Miller of the Wage Standards Department to Edith Cutting of Cherry Valley, Mass., has been announced. Robert is a senior at Worcester Tech, but is with us for the summer.

Shirley Lauzon and Edward Rice, both of the Production Department, were married at St. Charles' Church in Woonsocket on July 5. The honeymoon was spent at Lake Placid, N. Y.

Best wishes to Francis Mackowiak and Gloria Danian who were married August 21 at Webster. John Grzyb was the best man.

Barbara Champagny of Wilkinsonville announced her engagement on July 23, to Dexter Fitzgerald of the Bolster Job. We extend best wishes to Barbara and Dexter.

Announcement has been received of the engagement of Lorraine Breault of Department 438 to Arthur Porter of Providence, R. I. We wish both of them the best of luck and happiness.

William Monteiro of Department 445 was married to Miss Bokoski of Bellingham on August 14 in the Polish National Catholic Church in Bellingham. We wish them many years of happiness.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dufries are the proud parents of a baby son, born July 24. Arthur is a die maker on the Tool Job.

A daughter was born to the Adrian San Souci family on July 29, in the Whitinsville Hospital. Adrian, who works on the Bolster Job, now has a boy and a girl. We extend our congratulations to the happy parents.

The Norman L'Heureuxs announce the birth of their daughter on July 20, in the Woonsocket Hospital, Woonsocket, R. I. Norman works in Department 438. Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Loader upon the birth of a daughter, Betty Ann, weight seven lbs. thirteen and one-half ozs., July 19 at the Memorial Hospital. Doris Loader was an inspector on the Roll Job.

Congratulations are being received by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Dean of Millville on the arrival of a baby boy at Woonsocket Hospital on August 13. Sam is a fitter in Department 443.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Baril on the arrival of a baby girl at the Woonsocket Hospital. Bruno is employed in the Foundry.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Malbauf upon the arrival of a son, born June 21. We are happy to report that the baby after being hospitalized for a month is now home with the parents. Joe is employed in Department 414.

Leo Turcotte of the Planer Job and Mrs. Turcotte are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son—their first.

The Emery Woosters have announced the birth of a boy. Emery works on the Gear Job. Congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Audette (Ring Job) are receiving congratulations on the birth of their second child, a daughter, on June 30 at the Whitinsville Hospital.

Christopher Dona, of the Ring Job, has reported an addition to his family on August 6—a baby girl, weighing seven pounds.

THIS IS THE REASON JERRY BRUSO THINKS HIS VEGETABLES ARE SO BIG.
GEE! WHAT WHOPPERS
PARDON ME! BUT HAS ANY-BODY HERE SEEN BOULEY
COD FISH
DER MASTER CELL
DER HOOTIN HOOTIN, PRETZELS UND SAUERKRAUT MIT BEER, UND AT NICHT DER FLEAS ARBITIN.
WHITIN GARDEN CLUB
DANA WEALD TREA.
MERRILL TRUE SECRETARY
ANGUS PARKER PRES.
SPIRITS OF 76
DICK RAU FROM METHOD HAS FINALLY FIGURED OUT THE MASTER CELL
CORN STORK
THIS LYCOPERSICUM IS QUITE RA-DON'T YOU THINK.
NORMAN WHITE
GET BUSY CHARLEY NO LOAFING AROUND SON.
CHARLEY DUNFORD
OUT O DAT 'OLE YA FOUR LEGGED VARMIN, FORE I COME IN AFTER YA.
THERE'S THREE GUY'S, PROFFITT, STANOVICH AND HARRIMAN UP ON FLETCHER STREET WHO ARE RATHER TIRED OF FEEDING THE WOODCHUCKS.
P.B. WALKER
- WE'VE FOUND OUT WHO DOES THE WORK IN DUNFORD'S GARDEN.
COURNOYER
WHY GROW TOMATOES THAT YOU GOTTA PICK ON A LADDER?

THE WHITIN Spindle

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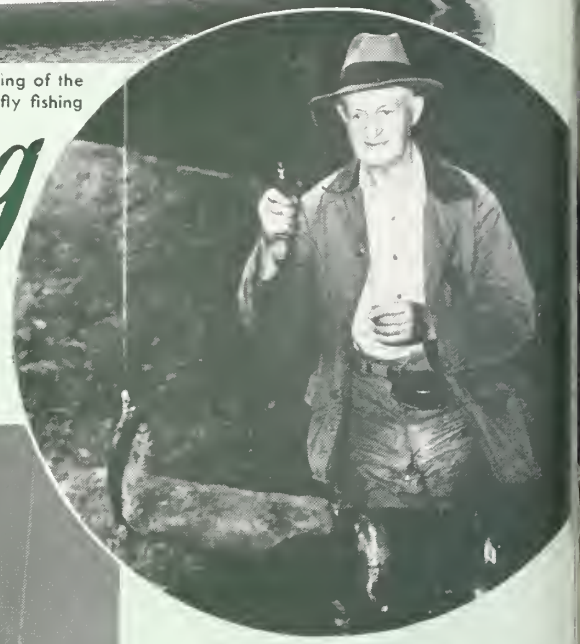
Bob McKee of the Foundry and Vaughn Harding of the Core Room get together for an afternoon of fly fishing

Fishing MEADOW POND

Albert Ames, Methods Department, enjoys fishing for bass in the evening



Fishing for trout, Bill Deane of the Core Room shows how it is done

Marjorie DeJong, of the Stack Room, can handle a fly rod along with the best of them

Anybody want lessons? Don Philbrook usually brings home a string of perch and pickerel

James Gellatly, of the Tool Job, tells about the big one that got away

George Dumas, of the Paint Job, gives his son a lesson in the art of horned pout fishing

More than 325,000 patterns are now stored in our Pattern Loft. Albert J. Brown, foreman, and Sally Jones, assistant foreman, are shown in one section of the Loft surrounded by hundreds of patterns of various sizes and shapes

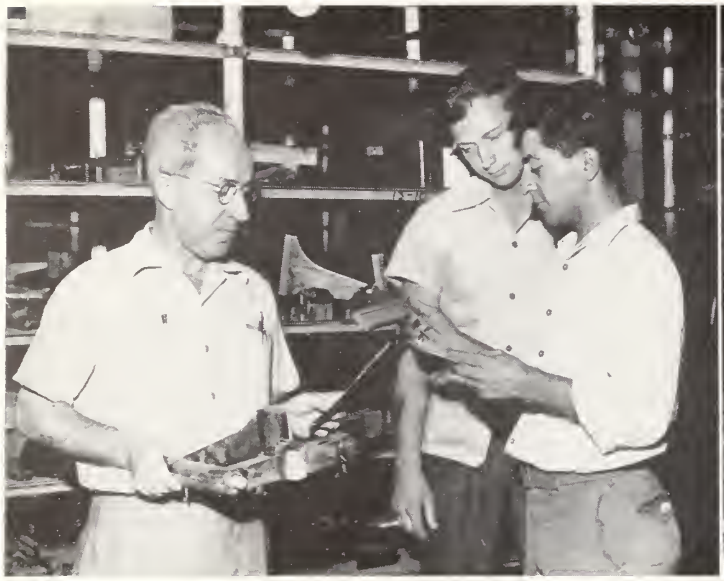
A Key to Production

Just as in the human body there are many members which must function together efficiently and harmoniously for the health and welfare of the entire organism, so also a large industrial body depends on the efficient functioning of every department, even those which might not be considered noteworthy because of their small complement of workers. Let us consider one such small department which is, nevertheless, an important key to the production of Whitin Machines. In our Foundry, in the Fay-Scott plant, and in the Charlotte plant, the importance of the Pattern Loft is at once realized when we recall that in this department are stored all the wood and metal patterns used in the construction of our textile machinery.

For the past ninety-five years, patterns have been accumulating in the Pattern Loft until it now has a valuable collection of more than 325,000 patterns.

Our patterns are made of wood, metal and plastic. The kinds of wood most commonly used are pine, maple, cherry and mahogany. Sally Jones, assistant foreman of the Loft, showed us a mahogany pattern which looks as new today as it appeared when it was first sent to the Loft in 1900. The Loft contains a great variety of patterns ranging in size from huge mahogany head ends, each weighing more than 150 pounds, to small wood caps one-half by three-quarters of an inch.

Besides the wood patterns there



Al Gosslin, Bernie Chosta and Dick Garebedian checking the patterns against Foundry production orders

Joe McCrea, Al Boucher, and John Peterson are shown laying out the patterns to be used in the Foundry the following day

are thousands of metal patterns made of aluminum, white metal, gray iron, bronze and brass. Now plastic patterns are being added to the ever increasing lists.

Of the vast number of patterns in the Loft, many are gear patterns of almost every pitch. Sally tells us that this fact was known even by local farmers who, years ago, often called at the Loft to replace the worn gears of their farm machinery. Seldom did the Loft fail to supply a farmer with just the right gear he needed.

Until 1891 the patterns were not catalogued, and when the foreman of any department wanted a pattern, he went to the department and hunted until he found it. Even after the patterns were numbered, it was difficult to find any particular pattern without assistance. To help locate patterns more quickly, William H. Cole was placed in charge of the Pattern Loft. The number of patterns is now so large that more than 100,000 square feet of shelves are used to store the patterns, and ten men and two women, under the supervision of Albert J. Brown, foreman, and Sally Jones, assistant foreman, are employed in the Loft to catalogue, store, and issue patterns.

The Pattern Loft operates on much the same principle as a public library. Al Gosslin, Al Boucher, Joe McCrea, Dick Garebedian, Bernie Chosta, and Ralph Cook locate patterns as they are required. These men must be efficient and reliable to fill the orders for approximately 1500 patterns used every week in our Foundry, in the Fay-Scott plant, and in the Charlotte plant. When a pattern leaves the Loft, a production card is made out showing where the pattern has been sent. When the pattern is returned, the card is placed in the Loft master file. In this way, Carl Rollins, the clerk in the department, keeps an accurate check of patterns in the Loft and those used in the Foundry and elsewhere.

When the patterns are returned to the Loft, they are carefully cleaned by Hermine Danis and Oliva Cabana and put away. From time to time, for various reasons, it is necessary to make changes in pattern construction. John Peterson is responsible for seeing that these changes are made before the patterns are used again.

Although the personnel of this department handles thousands of patterns a year, it is seldom unable to account for a pattern. Also, in regard to its methods and system of storing patterns, our Pattern Loft is considered one of the finest in the country. The personnel of the Pattern Loft deserves much credit for keeping this important department operating smoothly and well.

A party in honor of Mr. Brown's 65th year with Whitin was held by members of the Loft in 1946. Front row, left to right: Bernie Chosta, Dick Garebedian, John Peterson, and Ray O'Neil. Second row, left to right: Mildred Cooney, Hermine Danis, Oliva Cabana, Al Boucher, Albert J. Brown, Sally Jones, Carl Rollins, Ralph Cook, and Alphonse Gosslin

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EVERY MOVE COUNTS

If you have ever moved to a new home, you know what it means to handle material. If you have moved several times, you probably have found ways to save wear and tear on your things—and on yourself.

You did some things beforehand. You packed things properly, and put them where they could be moved easily. You got help on the heavy things. And you learned to move only what *had* to be moved.

Moving material in a plant is the same kind of problem, no matter how big or how small the material is. The idea is to save muscles, to save time, and to save money. So you arrange things for easy handling. You use proper boxes or moving equipment, and you move only what has to be moved.

On your job you may be able to suggest better ways to move things. Your suggestions will not only cut costs but will also make your job easier and safer.

FRONT COVER: More than 350 ribbons were awarded to members of the Whitinsville Home Garden Club at their twenty-ninth annual flower and vegetable show September 11. The cover shows the unique and unusual vegetable display that won first prize.

Florence Baldwin designed this layout, and, with the assistance of other members of Plot "P," she arranged the vegetables in this striking pattern.

Gardner Norcross and Homer Mills, judges from the Worcester County Extension Service, stated that the vegetable layouts were all exceptionally well done, making it very difficult to choose the prize winners. The winning plot won first prize only by a small margin of three or four points over other entries.

OFFICE NEWS

by Dorothy Webster

COST DEPARTMENT

Betty Austin, daughter of Louis Austin of the Cost Department, recently was awarded a first prize for her singing ability. We understand Betty's voice is reminiscent of Kate Smith's. A week's engagement at The Moors gave Betty experience in her field of endeavor. Best of luck to you, Betty.

After Pauline (Reilly) Hagan's marriage we thought we wouldn't receive any news of her for some time. Now we hear that one morning at lunch time Pauline reached into her desk drawer to find a mouse sharing her cheese and crackers. Pauline has little or no appetite these days. A timely trap caught our "Mickey."

We welcome a new addition to the Cost Department, Calvin Hubbard, formerly of Frieden Calculating Machine Company, Portland, Maine. Cal's with the twister group—just in time for Inventory.

NO. 2 OFFICE

First of all we want to thank the SPINDLE for our useful pencils. We understand that they were distributed to all of the reporters.

Ann Baker celebrated her birthday on August 19. Those chocolates you brought in, Anne, were delicious.

Mary Morin had to find out the hard way that the chairs in the office are on wheels and can move even while you're sitting on them. How's the air under the desk, Mary?

Congratulations to George Fullerton! George took a blue ribbon at the Whitin Home Garden Club Exhibition for his knitted socks. We're proud of you, George.

Nova Scotia was the vacation grounds for Bill Steel and his family.

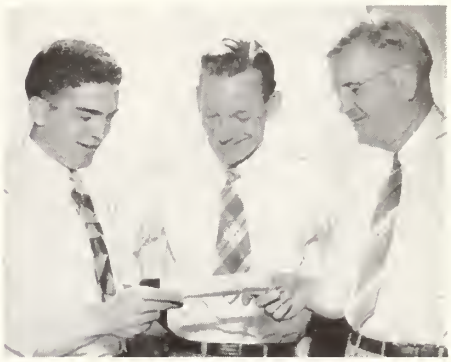
THIS ONE DIDN'T GET AWAY

George Fullerton says the place to catch the big ones is in Lake Champlain. We agree with him after seeing this northern pike which measures 28 inches in length and weighs 5 pounds

Both of your reporters have been on the sick list this past month. Dot Michalik had a touch of the flu and Ev Feddema sprained her ankle. Which will it be—the Purple Heart or the Blue Cross for the girls?

DRAFTING ROOM

We welcome two new draftsmen to the Engineering Department—Louis and Mario Bertone.



PRESENTED GIFT OF MONEY

James Brosnihan was tendered a stag party at the Uxbridge Inn, September 1, in honor of his marriage to Helen Pristawa on September 25. Approximately one hundred guests were present including the Whitin baseball team and Frank D. Krotty, state editor of the *Worcester Telegram and Gazette*. Representing Jim's many friends, Leo Roy, left, and Bob Keeler, right, presented Jim with a gift of money

Congratulations to Flora Frieswick who won a blue ribbon for her miniature bouquet in the Garden Show.

June Wilbur has been transferred to the Photographic Department.

MASTER LIST DEPARTMENT

Ernest Parker is the proud gardener of our Department. Ernest won nine ribbons at the Garden Exhibition and, added to that, Mrs. Parker won two awards.

R. K. Brown, II, and family, and James Ferry and wife have returned from vacations spent in New Hampshire.

Valerie Norton has returned to us after a leave of absence. Valerie spent the summer at Martha's Vineyard.

Gordon Boutilier and wife enjoyed a two weeks' vacation in Philadelphia.

PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

Gordon "Paderewski" Anderson must have thought Jack Bolton was really going to bear down on his repair group. Gordy went down to the main office to pick up supplies for Jack and saw a .22 caliber rifle lying on one of the boxes. Gordon figured that it was part of the supplies, so he placed it in the box and brought it up to Jack. Jack certainly had a surprised look on his face when he opened the box. And Gordy's face looked as though he had been lying in the sun for about twelve hours!

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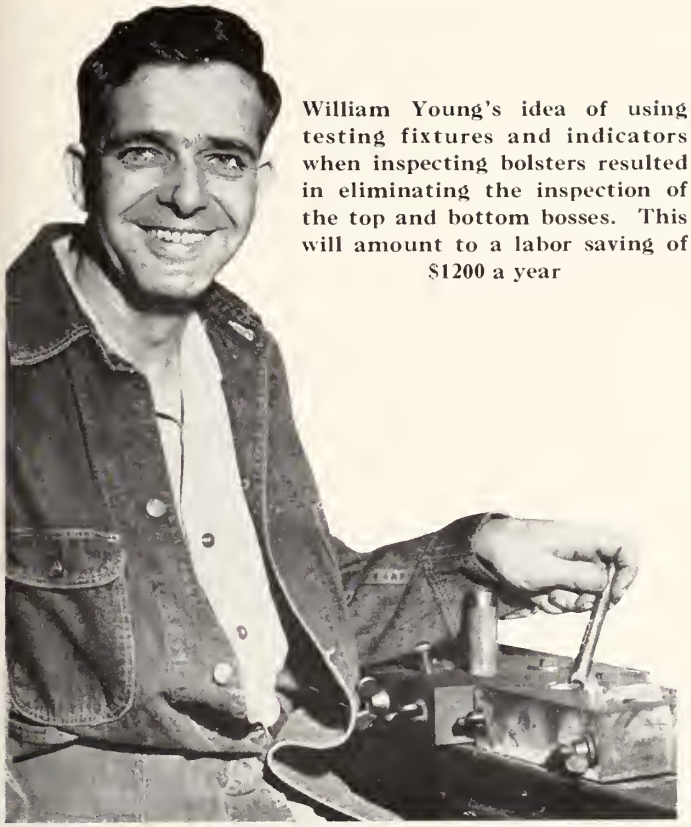
Suggestion Awards Granted for the Month of August, 1948

Dept.	Name	Suggestion No.	Amount of Award
463	Theodore S. Watson	48–114	$350.00
494	Edward Desjourdy		
489	William J. Young	47–236	300.00
438	Job P. Cournoyer	47–493	250.00
410	Joseph F. Rousseau	48–252	200.00
454	Albert J. Belanger	48–252	200.00
454	Sidney LaFleur	47–764	60.00
426	Donald W. Baker	48– 75	10.00
454	Russell Bailey	48–106	10.00
454	Voitto A. Oby	48–228	7.50
454	Delphis Bibeau, Jr.	48–228	7.50
422	Roland F. Graves	47–585	5.00
420	Raymond Larochelle	48–108	5.00
444	Peter Frieswick	48–137	5.00
417	Everett A. White	48–176	5.00
449	Leo Menard	48–199	5.00
415	Lucian Chevalier	48–243	5.00

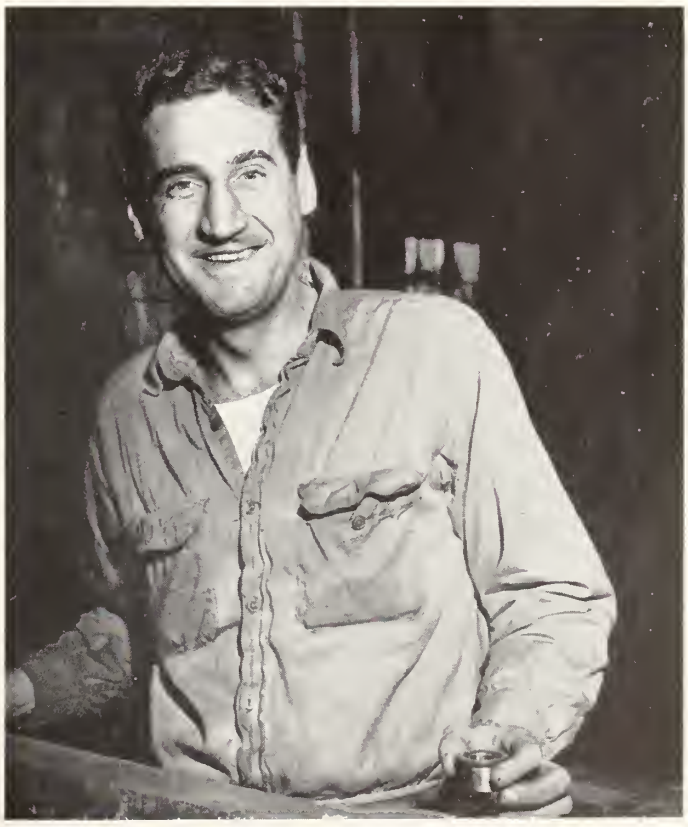
Russell Whiting, center, presenting checks to Edward Desjourdy and Theodore Watson for their suggestions which eliminated set screws on cam lever arms on Schweiter Winders. A labor and material saving amounting to $1,400 a year will be realized



William Young's idea of using testing fixtures and indicators when inspecting bolsters resulted in eliminating the inspection of the top and bottom bosses. This will amount to a labor saving of $1200 a year

It was suggested by Job Cournoyer that a die be made that would not only punch out bolster caps but at the same time stamp the cap "Whitin." Previously this was accomplished in two operations. Job received $250 for this suggestion

At the suggestion of Joseph Rousseau, a new cooling system was installed on one of the cutting-off machines in Department 410. This idea will prolong the life of the cutting wheel and result in a material saving of $800 a year



For cutting the cost of maintenance of flask repairs in the Foundry by using a new type of bushing, Albert Belanger received a check amounting to $200. This suggestion will result in a yearly saving of $800

Sports Talk

by Harold Case

It isn't too late to mention one more outdoor sport before the snow flies. I'm thinking of tennis. Up until three years ago, there were very few persons in Whitinsville who were interested in the game, mainly because there were no local tennis courts. At a considerable cost to the Whitin Community Association, three very fine all-weather courts were constructed at the far corner of the Whitin estate in back of the Gym. Since the official opening of the courts hundreds of youngsters and adults have taken advantage of these centrally located facilities. I know that during last July five hundred persons used the courts; in the month of August, over six hundred played during the day or night. The courts are well lighted until 10 p.m. each night, and there are always several dozen interested spectators.

During the summer months, James R. Duncan and Bob Webster gave instructions to anyone interested in the game. The courts are reserved for youngsters during the day and for adults during the evenings. Bob follows in his father's footsteps in his enthusiasm for tennis. Wesley Webster has for years been an ardent follower of tennis as a player or as a spectator at big-name tourneys. "Wes" can still show most of the younger players a few tricks and the finer points of the game. In fact, there are several men in the community who can take most of the younger generation over the hurdles. Two such veterans, Howard "The Slicer" Wilbur and Charley Pearson, come readily to mind.

Each September a tournament is held to determine the local junior and senior champion players. There were no girls' single matches this year, but in the boys' junior division Bill McDonald defeated Ronnie Magill. Janet Alden defeated Paula Cassidy to take the women's singles title, and Wesley Webster took his son into camp to win the men's singles crown. The men's doubles found Charley Pearson and Howard Wilbur retaining their doubles championship which they first won last year by defeating the father and son team of William and Wesley Webster. Louise and Dutton Alden took the measure of Janet Alden and Will Carrick to win the mixed doubles crown. The tournament climaxes the tennis season, but by no means ends the playing season because as long as some of the local enthusiasts can hold a racket without putting on mittens they will be on the courts volleying the balls back and forth.

JANET ALDEN
Winner of Women's Singles

WESLEY C. WEBSTER
Winner of Men's Singles

CHARLES PEARSON—HOWARD WILBUR
Men's Double Champions

LOUISE and DUTTON ALDEN
Winners of the Mixed Double Crown

Members of the Blackstone Valley Model Plane Club with their models. Left to right: Fred Deboer, Napoleon Duhamel, Jerry Baghdasarian, Donald Landry, Andy Vierstra, Bob Bosma, Joe Duhamel, Madeline Cousineau, Francis Joslin, and Philip Dion

Hobby—MODEL PLANES

One of the most interesting and unusual hobby clubs in this part of the county is the Blackstone Valley Model Plane Club. The Club was formed by Francis Joslin, Jerry Baghdasarian, and Al Jemlich about eighteen years ago, and now consists of over twenty-five members who like to build and fly model planes.

Model planes are made of balsa wood, which comes from South America and weighs from eighteen ounces to three pounds per cubic foot. Most models are built like real planes. The construction of a plane is begun with the longerons, to which the cross braces, bulkhead, and stringers are added, completing the fuselage structure. The structure is then covered with special paper, silk, or nylon, which is sprayed with water until the material tightens over the frame. After the covering is affixed it is "doped" with aircraft paint. The wing and tail surfaces are made in the same manner as the fuselage. The motors that power the models are from .09 to .61 cubic inch displacement and turn over from 300 to 20,000 rpm. The kind of fuel used depends upon the particular motor, but SAE 70 oil, white gas, or a mixture of castor oil and menthanol are commonly used. Model kits, containing all structural parts, can be bought at any hobby shop from prices ranging from $1.00 to $17.00.

The flight of these miniature planes is regulated by a control handle held by the operator. The plane is connected to the handle by two steel flight wires (.016″). These are attached to two short wires which run through the wings of the plane to the bell crank, located at the model's center of gravity. A connecting rod runs from the bell crank to the elevator of the model. The length of the flight wire varies with the size of the model. A small plane is usually equipped with a flight wire thirty-five feet in length. A wire fifty feet long is used for a medium-sized model, and a wire seventy feet long is used for a large plane. After the plane takes off, the "flyer" allows the model plane to describe a circle around and above him. To make the plane climb in flight, the flyer pulls back the control handle. When the handle is tilted, the model dives. Thus, the flyer can imitate all the characteristic motions of a real plane in flight.

John Bosma and Philip Dion, president of the Club, checking over Phil's model

Several members of the Club have won recognition for their model planes. Bob Bosma, the first in the Club to win a trophy, received the Class Five award for his speed ship in a competition among the model plane clubs of Worcester, Webster, and Whitinsville. John Bosma holds the Class Six record with a McCoy engined plane, of his own design, which flies at 150 mph. The honors weren't completely monopolized by the Bosma brothers, however, for Philip Dion, president of the Club, won second prize at a recent Webster meet, and Donald Landry's scale model of an A-26-A won him a trophy presented by the mayor of Worcester, England, during the Centennial Week in Worcester.

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Members of the Whitinsv
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Fay and Joan Parker check the canning exhibit

"Around Cape Cod," a painting by Fred DeMars of the Shipping Department is appropriately flanked by Bert Robbie's ship models

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Libby arranging the Hobbies and Crafts exhibition

Arthur Levette inspecting

Third Prize—the Crescent Street and Brick School display

Mike Feen and George Dumas admire Lacky Dam display

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Homer Mills and Gardner Norcross of the Worcester County Extension Service, assisted by Merrill True, place awards on prize-winning vegetables

ize Prentice Road exhibit

Jake Haringa and Bob Blackwood look over the flower exhibit

Dana Heald checks the individual vegetable displays

This is the Meadow Pond display. A tasteful arrangement

Pine Grove, Linwood Avenue and Fletcher Street plots

Keeping Up with the News

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Carol Arakelian of the Planning section of Department 416 motored through New York state during her vacation. This is probably the best time of the year to make such a trip and we know Carol enjoyed it very much.

Bill "Gummy" Montgomery left on October 2 for a vacation stay in New York City. "Gummy," who usually attends a few World Series games in New York, is not sure he can get to a game this year inasmuch as the fate of the Yankees is not determined at this writing.

Tommy Gilchrist, ex-comber expediter, has left us to further his studies at Becker College.

We welcome the following new employees to the Production Department: Dot Lemoine, Virginia Courtemanche, Muriel Gaulin, Norman Vadnais, Lawrence Dusablon, Joseph E. Cronin and Freeman Hodges.

It's good to see Hughie Curric back again. Hugh has been laid up with a sprained ankle. The story goes that Hughie was fishing off a rock, and when a fish finally did bite it pulled him off the rock into the water. Pretty big fish where Hughie goes fishing!

The Production Bowling League got under way September 21 at the Saropian Alleys. Most of last season's ardent bowlers were back again with high hopes for a banner season. The league is made up of the following teams: Weyman Plant's DEERS, Al Baileau's TIGERS, Jerry Turner's LAMBS, and Dick Cunningham's BEARS. Dick's BEARS really went to town, taking four points from Jerry's team. Al's TIGERS took three points from Weyman's team. Weyman and Jerry claim that they will bounce right back with victories. (They hope.)

MAIN OFFICE

We welcome Janet Alden and Margaret Halacy to the Main Office staff.

Henry Bouvier and J. H. Park of the Payroll Department have returned from their annual vacations.

HONORED WITH PARTY

The Main Office Girls' Club honored three fellow workers at a party September 21 at the Sheraton Hotel, Worcester. Dorothy Shaughnessy, center, is retiring after 21 years with the company. Misses Helen Pristawa and Edith Gonlag are leaving to be married. Purses were presented by Mrs. Mary Galleshaw

WHITIN MEN REGISTER FOR DRAFT

During the first week of September, 371 men, ages 18 through 25, registered for the Draft. Members of our Personnel Department and two local school teachers assisted the local Draft Board in registering the Whitin men in the plant

Mrs. Margaret Guertin and daughter, Fran, have returned from a vacation stay at Lake Winnepesaukee, New Hampshire.

Vernon Richardson of the Steel Stores is leaving in October. Vernon has re-enlisted in the Air Force and has received his old rating of first lieutenant. He will report October 15 to Castle Field, California, and is planning to drive out to the west coast accompanied by his wife and daughter. Before entering World War II, Vernon worked on Ramsey's job. Our best wishes go with you.

REPAIR DEPARTMENT

Carl Dupre and family spent a week at Point Judith. . . . Tom Marshall spent his vacation in town. Tom did a lot of fishing, but reports that there were no fish. Have to change the bait, Tom!! . . . Henry Thomas has returned after spending a week at camp in Douglas. Henry claims to have had better luck with the fish than Tom had. . . . Mame Britton spent her week's vacation in Maine. . . . Alvin Nelson had two very fine weeks at the Cape. . . . Sydney Mason has returned after spending a vacation in the wilds of Maine where, he reports, the bears make themselves right at home in the kitchen. . . . Betty Mombouquette had a week's trip to Niagara Falls.

Lucille Plante, Ruth Cormier, Theresa LaPage, Alice Bloem, Grace Manning and Esther Albin, our daring horsewomen, had a trotting spree at the Locust Riding Farms. All came back safe, but a little lame. One of our Manchaug girls wanted to choose her own small horse so she could drag her legs. She picked her horse, went over to get acquainted and it greeted her with a mournful "Moo, Moo!" Some horse!

A farewell party was tendered Rachel Blouin at the Public House in Sturbridge, after which the play "Yes, My Darling Daughter" was enjoyed by all.

The welcome mat is out for Mrs. Evelyn Favreau of East Douglas. We hope that Evelyn enjoys working with us.

We regret to report that Herb Lightbown is in the hospital, but we trust that he will be back with us soon.

PERSONNEL OFFICE

Louise M. Sullivan has been added to the staff of the Personnel Department to assist Norman Wright (editor) and Lawrence Keeler (associate editor) in the work of the Shop paper.

On September 8, 1948, the men of the Personnel Department traveled to Boston to see the baseball game between the Boston Red Sox and the New York Yankees. Between Robert Wood and Luke Lomartire the waitresses at the Howard Johnson Restaurant were kept quite busy in appeasing their appetites so that they might fully enjoy the game at Fenway Park.

Mary Deane has left the Personnel Department to continue her studies at Clark University in Worcester.

Elizabeth Nichols, nurse in our Shop Hospital, last month attended the impressive ceremonies held in Oxford in honor of Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross. The three-cent commemorative stamp of Clara Barton was placed on sale for the first time at the exercises.

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SCALED TO SIZE

Lorraine Beauregard of the Supply Room says she's really thrilled with her new yellow Crosley. Maybe it isn't custom made, but it's scaled to size. Lorraine is just four feet seven inches tall

Keeping Up with the News

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MILLING JOB

by Joe Roche

"Rosie" Vermette has returned to work after a very pleasant trip to Canada.

Irving Orrell took his annual two weeks' vacation beginning September 20.

Pete Nash and Dick Marshall, two of the star bowlers on the Job, have resumed bowling in the Merchants' League.

Tommy "Cocky" Roche saw Joe DiMaggio hit that grand slam homer against the Red Sox and he sure was tickled.

Margaret Maher has returned to work with a brand new Pepsodent smile.

Mary (Bousquet) Tebeau took Carol Arakalian's place on our office staff while Carol was on vacation.

Bill Baszner, Sr., has returned to work after having an operation.

COMBER JOB

by Hector Chase

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kooistra, foreman of Department 424, and Mr. and Mrs. William Walker, retired foreman of Department 429, have returned after spending a week's vacation traveling. In their travels they went to Wilton, New Hampshire to see Mr. and Mrs. John Jesson, former assistant superintendent who is now running a fifty-acre farm.

We have been told by one of Hector's friends that Mr. and Mrs. Hector Chase celebrated their fifteenth wedding anniversary on September 23. We all hope that they will have years of continued happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. John Solina celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary on September 10. Many more years of happiness to you, Johnnie.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Zylstra celebrated their forty-sixth wedding anniversary on September 11. We wish them many more years of happiness and good health. Herman started to work in the Shop fifty-two years ago.

AROUND THE PLANT

by Sally Jones

Leo Roy of Department 406 and Mrs. Roy were honored at a party September 24. It was Mr. Roy's fortieth birthday. During the evening, a full course Rhode Island shore dinner was served. John P. Mahoney and Francis J. Brown were the chefs. A very enjoyable evening was had by all.

If anybody is searching for local talent, please consult Grace Santello of Department 406. A few weeks ago Department 406 had an outing at Ocean Grove. During the evening at the Cozy Corner Hotel, Grace was asked to sing. There was no hesitation—she jumped right up and sang and sang. After an hour, Leo Roy was afraid that Grace would strain her voice so he went up to the stage and escorted her back to her seat.

Mrs. Marjorie DeJong of Department 406 has returned to work after spending a week in New York City. Marge said she enjoyed every moment of the vacation.

Mrs. Anne Ray, Department 406, the former Anne Nadoroscik, has returned to work after spending two weeks honeymooning in New York City. Good luck, Anne.

The married men of the Core Room gave a chicken supper for the single men at Lombardi's Social Club on September 15. This celebration was the result of three torrid softball games which the single men were lucky in winning.

CORE ROOM CLAMBAKE

Members of the Core Room held their annual clambake at the Whitinsville Fish & Game Club on August 7. From all reports, the dinner was a huge success

We wonder how the Fire Department got along while the Lake Street flash, Gerit Ebbeling, was out on vacation.

The boys in the Core Room are leaving for the service again. Jack Young, Ernest Luidema, Marty Ferwedda and Thomas Schotanus have already left the department.

SPINNING SMALL PARTS

by Norman Deshaies

The boys from this Department went on a fishing trip on September 18 at Plymouth, Massachusetts. They had a fine time, according to all reports, and plan to go again next year. Louis Rutana, who seems to think he's quite a fisherman, came out with the booby prize as a result of catching the smallest fish. Dave Peloquin walked off with the Best Man's laurels with the biggest fish. Danny "Pasquale" Sabattino was the only casualty on the trip. He was seasick all day. Before the gang left on their trip they made a pretty fishy agreement. With Ernie Tessier firmly backing up the decision, they agreed not to give your reporter any information whatsoever about the trip. I managed to unearth a few facts, but there's still a lot of secrecy surrounding the affair. Maybe Mr. Tessier doesn't want anyone to find out he'd been seasick—or that the only thing on his line all day was his bait!

Leo Collins has been out of work for two months with a bad case of asthma. We're all pulling for you, Leo, and hope to see you soon.

We welcome back John Jablonski after five weeks' absence. John was at the Cushing General Hospital for an operation.

PLANER JOB

by Ray Woodcome

Department 412 misses the presence of Gordon Boutilier, who has left Whitin to attend radio school in Boston. Gordon was connected with the radio department of the Northeast Airlines before entering the Shop.

Ernest Buker is beaming all over these days. Ernie is a turkey fancier, and took ten out of twelve prizes at the Brockton Fair and seven out of ten at the Springfield Fair. Pretty good, Ernie, for an amateur.

We are glad to have Bob Dupre back with us again. Bob was out for a month with a foot injury.

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LAST BAKE OF THE YEAR

With fall in the air, members of the Metal Pattern Department and the Wood Pattern Shop held their last clambake of the year at the Whitinsville Fish and Game Club

Keeping Up with the News

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"Red" White is being congratulated by many of the gardeners on his fine crop of watermelons. The boys tell me that "Red" grew the best watermelons ever seen in these parts.

CARDS & CARPENTER SHOPS

by

Rita Deome

The girls of Department 422 wished the fellows a lot of luck on their fishing trip of September 17. The expedition was under the management of Dick Sanderson, Jr.

Phidelma Theberge of Department 440 has returned to work after a two months' illness.

Have you heard that Department 452 has a cribbage tournament between George Broman and Henry Blair? It seems that after twenty-five consecutive games to George's credit, Henry scored a victory by a large margin. Which proves that he who laughs last laughs the loudest.

Department 452's loss was the Drafting Room's gain when Claire Lauzon was transferred. We wish you lots of luck, Claire, although we miss you.

Get-well wishes are extended to Jimmy Gibbons of Department 413. Hurry back, Jim.

Alfie Berube of Department 413 is trying hard to build his home but having a little difficulty. One night, after putting up the whole ceiling, he discovered that he had left the electric extension cord above the ceiling and had to take all his work down. Getting nowhere fast, huh, Alfie?

Thelma Auclair of Department 440 has returned to work after a week's vacation.

Birthday congratulations go out to Virginia Mesec of Department 422, to Terry Moroney of Department 440, and to Ernest Booth, foreman of Department 442, who celebrated his seventy-sixth birthday recently.

A well-earned and thoroughly enjoyed vacation was spent by Herve Ayotte of Department 452. Herve motored to Virginia in his new Fleetline Chevvie. Lucky guy.

SPINDLE JOB

by Joe Hickey

The Spindle Job bowling team found out that John Baker of Department 439 wasn't a rooter for them. When they bowled the Screw Job John was the scorekeeper, and now John is really getting the berries from the boys.

A few of the boys took in a recent baseball game between the Boston Braves and the Pittsburg Pirates, and went out to dinner and a show afterwards. Those in the group were: Paul Blaine, Bob Philbrook, Paul Mathieu, Ed Roukema, Joe Gulino and Benny Mezynski.

Alice Hearn has returned to work after a three weeks' leave of absence.

Jennie Chosta enjoyed a trip through Canada with her husband Frank recently. They stopped at Montreal, Quebec, and other points of interest.

80TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED

Members of the Marshall family last month celebrated their mother's 80th birthday. Left to right: Edward Marshall, Mrs. Eleanor Marshall, Thomas and Margaret Marshall

Elinor Tancrell has retired from Department 439 to resume domestic duties at home.

Bill Barron of Department 439 has been transferred to Department 464, the Experimental Room. We all wish him good luck in his future work.

Marian Larson spent a week in Washington, D. C., visiting friends.

Carmie Duso is now a member of the South Grafton football team. The boys of Department 439 are anxious to see him in action.

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DID SOMEBODY SAY FISH?

This crowd of anglers want the fishermen on the Roll Job and Tool Job to know that this time they actually caught the fish! Kneeling, left to right: Francis Julian, Jill Beauchamp, Earl Craw. Standing, left to right: Rene Ethier, Narcisse Cournoyer, William Morrisette, Hormidas Poulin, Alfred Desjourdy, Dosilva Beauchamp, Rene Willette. On the right: John Lemire caught this 375-pound tuna off Provincetown after an hour-and-a-half battle. The party made three other tuna strikes before this one was pulled in on a hand line. The fishing party, left to right: John Lemire, Aldore Belanger, Ralph Aspinwall, Hormidas Poulin, Francis Julian

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Titus Ebbling of the Automatics, who is famous for the small fish that he catches, has finally redeemed himself. Recently he hauled in a thirteen-pound cod and is letting everybody know about it.

Donna Picard had quite an experience on a recent fishing trip. While showing his son how to haul in a fish, Donna tripped and landed in the well of the boat where the captured fish are placed. Donna isn't doing any more teaching. All we can say is that it must have been a big one!

YARD & OUTSIDE CREWS

by Bill Scanlon

George McNelly was home on a twelve-day furlough from the Great Lakes and called on some of the boys.

Eddie Connors has been noticed taking long walks lately. He must be getting in trim for the bowling team.

Allen McCrea of Charlie Commons' department says that people ought to use better judgment in giving presents. Some of them are about as useful as a safety pin at a nudist colony.

Pete Prymac has had an offer to play professional football this year. He's seriously considering it.

The boys that went to the Fire Department Clambake really enjoyed themselves. They're all clamoring for another one in the near future.

SPINNING FLOOR

by Francis Horan

Harold Best is on the sick list with an infected leg. He has been out quite a while now, but we hope Harold will be up and around by the time this issue is distributed.

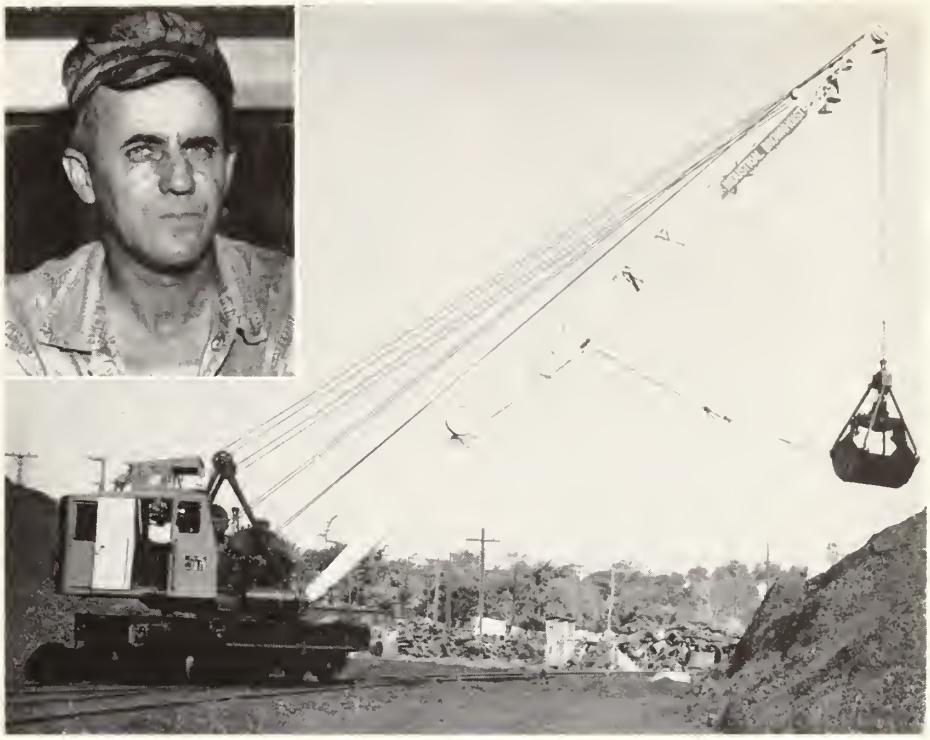
The bowling league is now in full swing, but the only scores we have up to now are Bill Leaven's single string of 121 and Ray Roche's three-string total of 288. We hope that the attendance will continue to be good and that the matches will start on time.

Anita Vallee was the recipient of an electric toaster in honor of her marriage September 11.

Mrs. Rice received a going-away gift from the gang in Kayser's division. She is on a trip to Scotland.

Mrs. Bowyer, wife of Albert Bowyer of the wool and worsted division, is on a trip to her homestead at Oldham, Lancashire, England. Albert, who formerly worked for Platt Brothers there, informs us that Mrs. Bowyer was greeted on her arrival at Liverpool by a group of ninety relatives. It must have been quite a reunion.

Knowing that copies of this SPINDLE are going to be sent overseas, may we extend our best wishes for a pleasant trip to Mrs. Albert Bowyer, Mr. and Mrs. James Scott, Mrs. Benjamin Scott and daughter, and to Mrs. Rice and daughter. All are vacationing overseas.



NEW DIESEL CRANE

A new Diesel-engined crane has been added to our Yard equipment. It is a complete power plant within itself, and can be made ready for operation within fifteen minutes. The Diesel eliminates two hours of firing and banking which is required on steam engines. Francis Smith, operator of the crane, has been a dependable employee since he came to Whitin in 1916. He has worked on cranes in the Yard for 22 years. "On the ball" during working hours, Francis follows through in his spare time as well. His favorite sports—volleyball, baseball, and bowling

Kenneth Hutchinson received a purse from the boys in the Machine Division in honor of his marriage August 28. We wonder if "Hutch" is going to buy a flashlight to find his way home in the dark after all those overtime hours he is putting in.

LANDS STRIPER

Walter Oolovigian of the Spinning floor landed this 23½-lb. sea bass at Quincy Bay. Walter used sea worms for bait. A friend of Walter's admires the catch

Some of the boys in the Spinning Set Up Floor thought that the following quotation from the Office Cat was very applicable. "Wouldn't it be nice if the people who stopped buying cigarettes would give up smoking them."

Congratulations are in order on Ed Marshall's appointment as foreman, Ernest Pickup and Bill Rutanna as acting foremen, and to Bernard Kelleher, Bill Wilson and Clinton White as acting assistant foremen of their respective departments.

Joe Lortie, who retired two years ago, is back to work with us in Ernest Pickup's division. Joe tells us that he got tired of hanging around. It still takes a good man to keep up with Joe at his work.

Ronald "Chick" Blakely is taking a course at Rhode Island School of Design two evenings a week. This might help to take his mind off the Boston Braves for a while.

Speaking of baseball, Vicki Sabatino won a radio at the C.I.O. outing and she tells us that she can now listen to the radio programs she wants. Her husband, Toni, usually listened to the Yankee baseball broadcasts.

PICKERS AND ROVING

by Sidney Miedema

Rod Norbery is waiting for his orders from the Navy Department. Rod's smile alone should get him a rating.

Ed Dennet and his wife took in the Red Sox game on October 2. The Whitinsville Boy Scout Drum and Bugle Corps gave a performance for the spectators between the innings.

Romeo Gauthier returned home recently from St. Vincent's Hospital. He won't lift any frame sides for a while.

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Jim Connors has given up cigarettes for his grandfather's pipe. He should smoke tobacco instead of coffee. We're sure there would be a better aroma in the air.

The folks at 421 were glad to have Ralph Aubuchon of Woonsocket back on the job after his recent appendectomy. He feels swell after seven weeks of leisure. Zaray Gervais is also back with us after his operation.

Bob Walsh is set for another year of hard work after a week's vacation at Prentice Corner.

After two years of construction, Hector and Mrs. Roy and their daughter have moved into their new home in Uxbridge.

Pop Shenian left the department to continue his studies at Clark University for another season.

John Skeary has a '42 Ford, minus a motor, in his garage for the second time this year. If he wears out any more rebuilt motors, he had better buy a horse.

GEAR JOB

by

Ray Larochelle

The Gear Job extends its congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Thomas of Upton who celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary on September 17.

We doubt if George Holt will ever be invited to see Alfred Matte's television set again. George is strictly a Red Sox man, and, to avoid idle chatter, Matte is inviting only Yankee fans.

Birthday congratulations are extended to Leo "Pop" Laverdiere and "Chick" Winchell.

We hope that Harry Thompson is having a good time in England and will enjoy reading the SPINDLE. It is being forwarded to him during his three month's stay.

John Morin has left us to enlist in the Army. Best of luck to you, John, I'm sure the Department will miss you.

The Job is back to normal again, with the return of half a dozen bridegrooms. The honeymoon is over, boys, now how about some production?

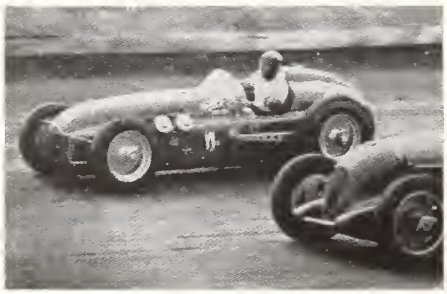
Peter Scott of Department 420 and Chester Roaf of Department 416 have purchased a cottage at Buttonwood, Rhode Island. They have quite a reputation out there—they are known as "The Quahaug Kings."

SCREW & GRINDER JOBS

by

Sylvia Simonian

When the Yankees are losing a ball game, I would advise you to keep Clarence Beauregard away from your radio. We hear that during a recent game Clarence became so excited he actually smashed his radio.



1940 CHAMPION

We have a midget auto driver in our midst. The above picture shows Bill Mayberry winning a fifty-mile race at Atlanta, Georgia, which won for him the 1940 Midseason Championship.

TOOL JOB

by Shirley Oby

Sid Baker spent his week's vacation tearing his house apart. We mean "remodeling," of course. It will take another vacation to put it back together again.

Steven Chrobak and Dick Bosma, Jr., have enlisted in the Army. Good luck to you both.

Stanley Chiras and Henry Pieklik have returned to school after three months on the Job.

Joe Richards' five months' old son was badly burned recently. Joe and Mrs. Richards have our sincere hopes for their son's speedy recovery.

Welcome back to Chet Frieswick who has returned after a six months' leave of absence.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Postma on their fifteenth wedding anniversary, September 14.

Our Benefit Club is planning a banquet for its members and their wives. The affair will be held in November but details as yet are incomplete.

The Tool Job Bowling League had its first roll-off for this season. The team members are as follows: RAIDERS—E. Postma, captain; R. Bosma, E. Bouley, T. Colthart, J. Deschene, J. Bartlett. SNIPERS—F. Cowburn, captain; N. Deschene, L. Guyette, H. Youngsma, V. Oby, A. Bolivar. SCOUTS—Wm. Hall, captain; D. Deschene, K. Stanley, R. Pendergast, R. Griffin, A. Nichols. RANGERS—A. Barsey, captain; W. Shaw, C. Frieswick, C. Reilly, R. Lermond, C. Paine.

ROLL JOB

by Fritz O'Connell

Chester Flinton, Cesag Onanian, Arthur Baillargeron and their wives attended a floodlight baseball game between the Boston Red Sox and the Cleveland Indians on August 24. The party was half way to Boston when Arthur discovered that he had left his tickets at home. The party had to turn around and pick up the tickets. Arthur's ears are still ringing from the tongue lashing he got from the party.

William Fairbanks is our new setup man on the Centerless Grinders and Bearing Grinders. William was transferred from Department 448. Best wishes to you, William, on your new job.

James Murphy, one of our fifty-year men, recently retired, was reported ill at the Whitinsville Hospital. We all wish Jim a speedy recovery.

James Peek, John Lennon, Francis Jacobs, Normand Baker and Bernard Gervais registered for the Draft call on August 30.

Harvey Departie says it doesn't pay to clean the windows of your car. Harvey cleaned the car recently and closed the windows tight. He had just finished washing the car when his wife asked him to do an errand in town. Harvey jumped into the car, shoved his head through the window and smashed the glass. Harvey now sports a gash on his forehead.

PLANE ACCIDENT

Francis Jacobs, while on vacation, snapped this interesting photograph of a plane accident in the town of Damariscotta, Maine. Although the plane went out of control and crashed into the roof of a building, nobody was seriously injured

Anna Baca and Sylvia Salatiello attended the baseball game between the Boston Braves and the Pittsburg Pirates on September 18.

Albina Saster has returned to her job as inspector after an absence of a week.

Alfred Pouliot has returned to work after a two weeks' honeymoon in Canada and the White Mountains.

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Emil Deschamps has returned to work after an operation performed at the Massachusetts Osteopathic Hospital in Boston.

The Roll Job has entered a team in the Shop League. The personnel of the team includes: Chester Flinton, Cesag Onanian, Joseph Gniadik, Arthur Baillargeon, James Peck and Bernard Garvais. The first game was played September 14.

Cesag Onanian will be more careful in the future when he accepts cigars from Chester Flinton. Cesag smoked one offered him by Chester and it exploded in his face.

Gertrude Boucher, Doris Jacques and Anna Peters celebrated their birthdays recently. The best wishes of the Roll Job go to all of them.

WINDER JOB

by "Dorsey" Devlin

Roland Farrar, who has worked on this Job since his discharge from the Army in December, 1946, has recently been transferred to Department 429 on the night shift. Roland is attending the Providence Bible Institute during the day in preparation for a career in the ministry. We all wish you the best of luck, Roland, in your new chosen profession.

Les Nutting, who arrives at work every afternoon with a real large lunch for himself and his wife, Eve, came in empty-handed the other day. Les has a habit of romping with his dogs each afternoon and was so engulfed in this sport that he took off for work without the lunch.

Jerry Jackman has left to attend Marianapolis Academy in Connecticut.

John "Butch" Palulian, Parts in Process man, has left to enter the Cushing Hospital for treatment. He has been replaced by Harry Chartier.

Mary Murray, employed here for the last eight months, has been transferred to Department 448.

The Test Frame gang is wondering if Joe Maisto is going to wear that baseball cap all winter.

Cy Landry and Cy Thornton, our grievance man and steward, were among the union grievance men who attended the Braves-Pirate game in Boston on September 18.

An informal birthday party was held in honor of Phyliss Sotek by the Test Frame gang during the noon hour on September 17. Ted Podles baked, from what I was told, a very delicious cake.

We understand that Emma Philbrook is the originator of a new style in hair-dos. Emma turned up in church on Sunday morning with her Saturday night curlers still intact.

BUILDS NEW HOME

Pete Forget and his son Ronnie are building a new home in Douglas. We are looking forward to the housewarming

RING JOB

by

Everett A. Gaspar

There's no mistaking Friday afternoon on the Ring Job with all the boys smoking cigars. After two in the afternoon, Sid Frieswyk, who buys them in Flagg's at two for a nickel, sells them for five cents each to Louis Roy, Arthur Flinton, Ernie Glode, etc. Nice going, Sid!

The boys went on another fishing trip to Plymouth on September 11 and brought back plenty of fish. Al Blanchette got the first and biggest fish and Leo Quisnel got the smallest. Johnny Hoyle got nothing again. Joe Witek had a merry time when he got his finger caught on a hook.

Although he has gone back to Boston University, I must tell this little story on Henry Larrabee. On August 7, a group of young people went to Sun Valley on the Worcester Turnpike for an evening of dancing. On the way home they stopped for some ice cream at a roadstand. They all went in, had their ice cream, came out, got in the car, and started off down the road. After going a couple of miles, someone missed "Hank." Back at the ice cream stand they found our hero pacing up and down the road wondering how he would get home.

Our new "Worksaver" truck arrived on the job on August 31 and has proved to be a real worksaver.

On Sunday Albert "Tony" Bouchard went swimming at Matunick Beach. While in the water a big wave hit and covered "Tony." When he came up he had lost his

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DOROTHY SHAUGHNESSY

Dorothy Shaughnessey, for twenty-one years outside switchboard operator in the Main Office, was retired on October 9.

Since Dorothy first came to work for Whitin in 1927, the volume of calls handled in a day has increased over 400 per cent. Her duties as a receptionist, too, have multiplied correspondingly. Dot has always taken a sincere interest in her work, and often stays at the board after closing hours to handle important or emergency calls. Whether it's connecting the six-year-old with her "Daddy" in the shop or standing by the board through a hurricane, it's "all in a day's work" for Dot.

A large group of people from the Main Office, Payroll Department, Inside Switchboard, Sales Office, Repair Department and Number Two Department gathered at the Webster-Dudley Country Club on October 7 to give a farewell party for Dorothy.

Dorothy's pleasant and co-operative manner will be missed by her many friends after she leaves for Florida to "take it easy for a while."

Final Standing—Blackstone Valley League

	Won	*Lost*
Hopedale	28	7
Whitinsville	29	8
Douglas	28	9
Uxbridge	18	14
Milford	13	20
Woonsocket	12	19
South Grafton	6	26
Rockdale	5	28

Playoffs:	*Won*	*Lost*
Douglas	2	1
Hopedale	1	2
Uxbridge	2	0
Whitinsville	0	2
Uxbridge	2	1
Douglas	1	2

ROBERT L. METCALF

After working for Whitin for forty-two years, Robert L. Metcalf was retired on October 1. Bob started at Whitin in the Drafting Room in 1906. He was always interested in photography, and along with drafting, began to take pictures for the plant. Eventually a plant photographic department was set up, and Bob was placed in charge.

In his forty-two years of service, Bob has taken scores of pictures which record the history of the shop. For many years Bob took the photographs used in various Whitin catalogues and he also supervised the printing of several publications.

We extend to Bob our best wishes for many happy years in the future.

BUILDERS ALL

They helped everyone his neighbor.—Isaiah 41:6.

The text continues: "And every one said to his brother, Be of good courage. So the carpenter encouraged the goldsmith, and he that smootheth with the hammer him that smiteth the anvil, saying of the soldering, It is good."

Co-operation, not competition; encouragement, not enmity; the spirit of service, not slavish drudgery; helpfulness, instead of hindrances; congratulation, rather than criticism—from this spirit of good-will shall rise the happy fraternity of labor and the willing brotherhood of toil throughout the world.

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upper plate. Many searchers couldn't find it so our boy survived on soup for four days.

We have several new employees—Mrs. Yvonne Gainer of Pomfret, Connecticut; Roland Beauregard of Woonsocket, Rhode Island; Ernest Beauchesne of Manville, Rhode Island. John Kokernak of Webster was transferred here from the Bolster Job. Glad to have you with us.

BOLSTER JOB

by Bizar Hagopian

Rose Malkasian and Donald Landry, both of whom were employed here for the summer vacation, left their jobs to continue their schooling. Rose, our timekeeper, entered the Worcester Girls Trade School to take a course in hairdressing, and Donald will continue his studies at Northeastern University in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Walmsley celebrated their second wedding anniversary on September 28. Mrs. Walmsley, the former Ethel McKee, is an inspector in Department 438. Our sincere congratulations to the happy couple.

To celebrate Marie Krumbholy's birthday on August 19, the Inspection Department 438 gave her a little surprise party during the noon hour. They presented her with a birthday cake and several gifts. Joseph Paul, night shift, also celebrated his birthday in August, and Frank Machacz celebrated his birthday in September. Many happy returns to them.

Two of our talented musicians, Mike Swiszcz and Billy Pare, entertained the audience at the Whitin Home Garden Exhibit with their singing and playing of polkas and cowboy songs. Mike was the chairman of the entertainment committee.

The girls wish to thank Walter Allen for the beautiful bouquets of flowers he brought in during the summer to decorate our ladies' room. The colorful blossoms did much to make the room look cheerful and pleasant.

COTTON MILL

by Louise Sohigian

Lillian Scott from Department 451 has left for a two months' vacation in Scotland.

Even though this news is a little late, it just leaked out that our assistant foreman, Mickey Deane, had quite an experience a while back. It seems he went on a clambake up in Webster and sometime during the evening he fell into a well, clothes and all. When he got home we understand he had quite a bit of explaining to do to his wife.

Did You Know?

In the year 1849 a small shoe manufacturing plant was located on the shore of Burt's Pond. . . . A plow shop was located where the Riverside A. C. now stands. . . . A shingle mill stood on Prentice Corner. . . . Northbridge (Rockdale) was known as Holbrook's Upper Village and Riverdale was known as Holbrook's Lower Village. . . . In 1775, the seat of the town government was at Northbridge Center. . . . In 1884 there were only nine known Democrats in the town of Northbridge, a few of them were Bart Callahan, Mr. Balmer (Dr. Balmer's father), Andrew J. Brown (Harry Brown's father), Tom Prest, Jim Kearnan, and Tom Gorman, former postmaster. In those days the Democrats, before an election, always held a secret caucus in the Union Building at Northbridge Center. At least these meetings were called secret, but somehow Gustavus Taft could tell the Democrats the next morning what transpired at the meeting the night before. (Republican Town Committee please note!)

Our thanks to Harry Brown for giving us the above interesting facts.

The following "Did You Know" facts are from daily records kept through the years by John Caroll, formerly of the Roll Job and now retired:

1890—April 7—Town of Northbridge votes to have electric lights. . . . December 11—The first freight car was drawn by horses on the track from Whitin Station to the Whitin Machine Shop yard. The car was from the Boston and Lowell Railroad. . . . December 20—New forty-two inch card designed for use with card coilers.

Obituaries

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the Densmore brothers, William and Harold, Department 438, on the death of their father.

The Spinning Floor expresses its sympathy to three of its fellow workers: to Henry Desjourdy on the death of his wife, to Tony Iannitelli on the death of his mother, and to Ed Gerominek on the death of his brother Frank.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mr. R. J. McConnell of the Sales Floor, whose mother died on September 1 in Biddeford, Maine.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Lahausse announce the birth of a baby boy, born August 13 at the Woonsocket Hospital, Woonsocket, Rhode Island. Lionel is timekeeper on the second shift of Department 438. Congratulations.

Congratulations are in order for Zeke Sjoblom, Department 429, who became the father of a 7 pound 2 ounce baby girl on September 6.

Congratulations to Thaddeus Minior of Department 422 and Mrs. Minior on the birth of a son. The baby was born September 5, at the Webster Hospital.

Receiving congratulations on the birth of a girl are Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Saccoccio. Mr. Saccoccio works in Department 413.

We extend congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Hector Courtemanche on the birth of a boy. Mr. Courtemanche is employed on the Tin Job.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vear on the arrival of a baby boy, Allen Charles, born at the Milford Hospital. Mr. Vear works in Department 421.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ebbeling are receiving congratulations on the birth of a 6 pound 9 ounce daughter, born August 30 at the Whitinsville Hospital. Mrs. Ebbeling is the former Cecilia Crockett who worked on the Gear Job.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wunschell are receiving congratulations on the birth of a 9 pound 4 ounce baby girl, born September 14. Carl works on the Spinning Floor and Mrs. Wunschell, the former Pauline Flinton, was at one time employed by the Plant.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Baker became the proud parents of an 8 pound 14 ounce boy this September. Herbert works in Department 411.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Reid announce the birth of a baby boy. Kenneth works on the Spinning Floor.

Congratulations are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. William Bergeron upon the arrival of an 8 pound son at the Milford Hospital, September 9.

Congratulations from the Tool Job go to Mr. and Mrs. Gity on the birth of their son, David Christy. The baby was born on August 21.

The Gene Kennedys are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Barbara Ruth. Gene works in the Export Sales Department.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Hay upon the arrival of a 7 pound 5 ounce daughter, Mary Ellen, at City Hospital, Worcester, on September 17. Stuart is the expediter on the Comber Floor. The new baby's paternal grandfather is John Hay of the Production Department.

Bill and Vera Taylor proudly announce the birth of a son, Allan, August 30. Bill works in the Scheduled Parts section of the Foundry. Vera is the ex-chief of the Master Route Section in the Production Department.

MARRIAGES and ENGAGEMENTS

Congratulations to Edgar Archambault of the Spinning Floor who was married to Gloria Fontaine in Holy Family Church, Woonsocket, September 6.

On September 1, the girls of the Personnel Department held a party for Jean S. Feddema at the Abner Wheeler House in Framingham, in honor of her marriage to James Nydam of Uxbridge. Jean became the bride of James Nydam, Thursday evening, September 9, in the Christian Reformed Church, Whitinsville.

RECENTLY MARRIED

Mary Kane and Eugene Whalen were married, September 4, in St. Patrick's Church, Whitinsville. The bridesmaid was Katherine Kane and the best man was Thomas Whalen

Our congratulations and best wishes go to Kenneth Hutchinson of the Spinning Floor who was married to Shirley Covell in North Grosvenordale, August 28.

Best wishes to Anita Vallee of the Spinning Floor who was married to Robert Bilodeau of the Packing Floor in the Good Shepherd Church, Linwood, on September 11

On September 11, Gordon Thomson of Department 422 and Gertrude Pepin of Worcester, were married at the Holy Name of Jesus Church, Worcester. Best wishes to both of you.

Edward Nejadlik of the Core Room was married in the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Milford on Labor Day. His bride is the former Hilda Di Donate of Milford. We wish Eddie and his wife the best of luck.

Best wishes to Alex Lavalle of Department 422 and Rita Millette of Department 406, who exchanged vows, August 21, at St. Peter's Church, Northbridge.

We extend best wishes to Clarence Bisson and his wife, the former Janet Britton, who were married Saturday, September 11. Clarence is an employee of the Freight Office.

WEDDING PRINCIPALS

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bigwood were married recently at the Good Shepherd Church in Linwood. Left to right: Lucian Roy, father of the bride; Irene Roy, maid of honor, sister of Mrs. Bigwood; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bigwood; Donat Brochu, best man. Second row, left to right: Claire Isabelle, Claire Dion, F. Roy, and Lucille Dion

Edwin Elliot, a member of the Freight Office staff, was recently married to Elinore Seastrom of Milford. We wish them both lots of good luck and happiness.

Congratulations to Ed Planter of Department 429 who was married to Ruth Emmett of Uxbridge on September 25. The ceremony took place at the Holy Family Church in Woonsocket.

Announcement is made of the engagement of John Garrity, Department 429, to Muriel Deshaies of Woonsocket. The wedding will be held in St. Ann's Church in Woonsocket, November 13. Best wishes to both of them.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Eugene A. Duquette of Department 438 to Jeannette Michaud in the Holy Family Church, Woonsocket, September 4. Their wedding trip was spent in New York City. Our congratulations to the happy couple.

On September 6, Margaret Yenfenski of Department 451 was married to James MacDougall of Grafton. We wish them both many years of happiness.

September 15 was a day to remember for Jennie Stefancyk of Department 451. On the same day that she was presented with a radio and a bedspread by the members of the Department, Jennie was given a surprise shower at which she received many lovely gifts. Jennie was married to Albert Ratkewiez of Farnumsville on September 25.

Mary Ann LaBan of the Production Department and Francis R. Maciuga of Department 448 became engaged on Labor Day week end. Wedding bells will ring in May.

The Rabbit Hunters

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Thanksgiving

TRAVELERS who have stopped at Gibraltar have found in that fortress town an old stone sentry box bearing the inscription:

"God and the soldier we adore
In time of trouble, not before.
The trouble passed and all things righted,
God is forgotten, the soldier slighted."

Base ingratitude to God is a theme that runs through all of human history, and the Holy Scriptures bring to mind many painful examples of those who remember God only in times of affliction and forget Him promptly after He has healed their woes.

Down through the ages we hear the agonizing cry of the ten lepers who appealed to our Saviour to cleanse them of their awful malady. "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" Our Lord promptly answered this piteous plea and healed them of their dread disease. Yet, only one of them returned to the Lord to thank Him. Sorrowfully, Jesus asked, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?"

Must not the Saviour continue even in our day to inquire, "Where are the nine?" Although we have been involved in the bloodiest, cruelest and most horrible war in the tragic history of mankind, our cities are intact, our land has not been ravaged and burned, our people have not been enslaved by self-appointed rulers, our economy has prospered—and we have the privilege to worship God and to thank Him for His ineffable goodness and mercy towards us.

Let us not be unmindful of God's blessings but, like the Pilgrims of old, let us remember the Giver of every good gift. Let us not ascribe our abundant crops and our prosperity to our superior methods, our ingenuity or our industry, but rather let us give thanks to "the Lord, our God, that giveth rain in His season" and "reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest."

Let us thank God, not only with our lips but with our lives, showing mercy to our fellow men who live in the famine-ridden Orient and in bombed and devastated Europe. May God ever find us among those who return to give thanks for the innumerable blessings which He daily and richly bestows upon us.

FRANK N. STONE

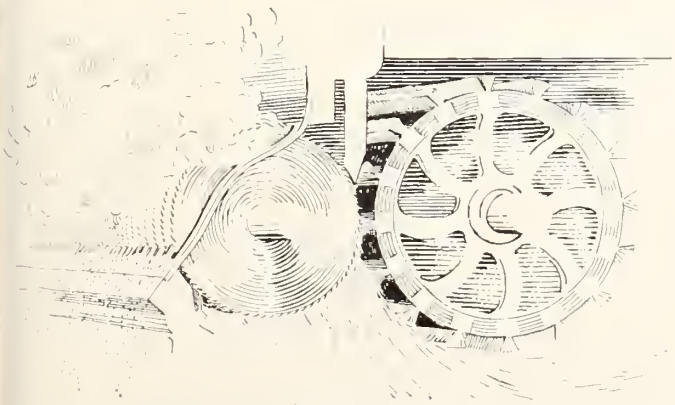
Fiber to Fabric

(This is the first of several articles by John Sanderson, Advertising Department, which will describe the machines we make in the Whitin Machine Works and the use of such machines in the textile industry.)

In this first article, we wish to explain the process of making cotton fibres into cloth. Each machine is described in the order in which it is used, and the purpose of each machine and its important working parts are described so that the reader may obtain a general idea of the cotton textile industry.

We live in a world that uses cloth for many purposes such as clothing, furniture, car upholstery, and parachutes. To meet this huge demand, the textile industry has grown until it is one of the largest industries in the country, employing more people and paying more total wages than any other industry.

Although man probably first used animal skins for clothing, he appears at the dawn of history with a knowledge of weaving cotton or animal hairs into a fabric. He used the same principles for making his fabrics as are in use today. His first task was to straighten out the snarled and tangled hairs, wool or cotton fibres. Then a few of the straightened strands were taken at a time to be twisted together, and joined to others to make a longer strand. Several strands twisted and stretched made quite a strong piece of thread or yarn that would stand much wear. Taking many pieces of thread, he braided them together, just as children today weave simple designs with heavy yarn. The first cloths woven in this primitive fashion were not very satisfactory, and man has sought constantly to improve his method and his product. Although progress was made over a period of thousands of years, most of the gains were accomplished in fairly recent times. Basically, no new ways have been found to make textiles. But the old ways have been perfected to the point where fabrics of a quality and beauty which formerly only kings could possess are now bought economically by the Smiths and the Joneses at any department store.



The Sawgin

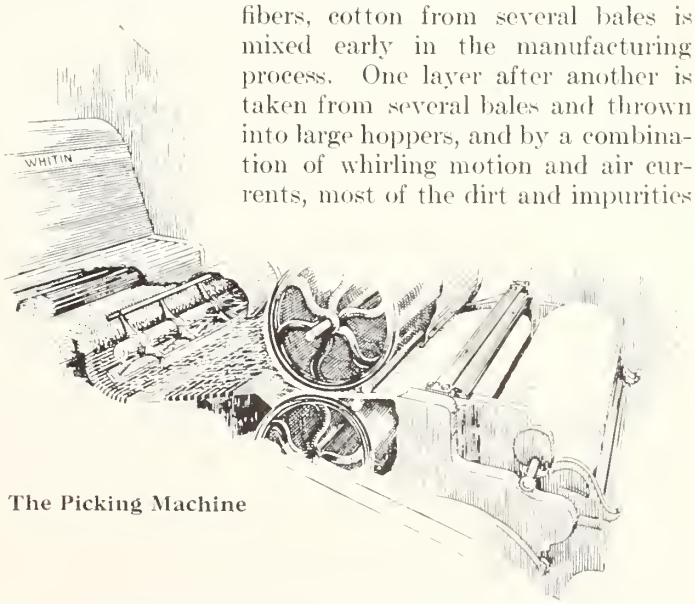
Of all the fibers used in making cloth, cotton has been the most important and the most widely used. The cotton plant bears large white bolls, clusters about the size of apples. These bolls consist of a large number of small cotton fibers, about one quarter inch to about one and a half inches in length, all tangled around many small hard seeds.

The Sawgin

For centuries, separating the cotton from the seeds was a grievous problem. Done by hand, it was a slow, monotonous job. However, in 1793, Eli Whitney, a Connecticut Yankee, invented the cotton gin, a fairly simple machine that speeded up the removal of the seeds. The sawgin contains several steel discs with sharp teeth on their outer circumference. As the discs revolve, the teeth separate the fibers from the seeds. The cotton at this stage is far from clean and the bale contains sand, weeds, leaves, and other foreign material clinging to the cotton. Because of different growing conditions in each plantation, the bales of cotton which arrive at a mill differ widely, and the cotton varies in length, color, and strength.

Blending and Cleaning

Whitin makes the machines that prepare the cotton for weaving. The first machines are Bale-Breakers, Openers and Cleaners. To get a good mixture of different fibers, cotton from several bales is mixed early in the manufacturing process. One layer after another is taken from several bales and thrown into large hoppers, and by a combination of whirling motion and air currents, most of the dirt and impurities are removed and the blended, fairly clean fibers are sucked out of the end of the machine.

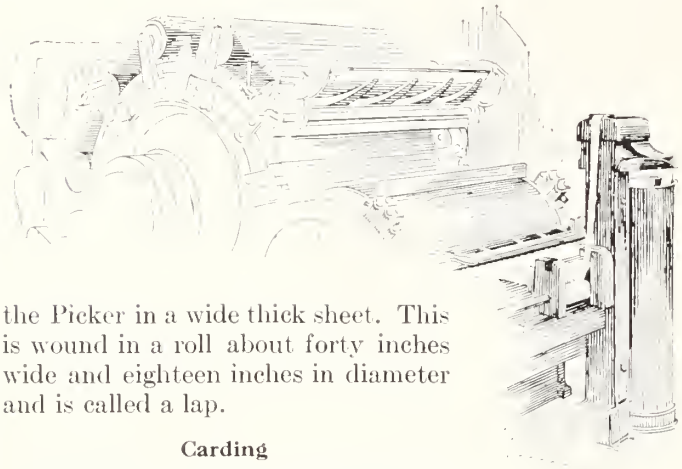


The Picking Machine

Picking

As they come from the cleaning machines, the fibers are still thoroughly snarled and tangled, and are still not

absolutely clean. In the Picking Machine, a vastly improved model of the one patented by John C. Whitin in 1831, the cotton passes over several round screens and rolls, while fast moving steel blades beat at fibers and knock out any particles of dirt that may have been left after the earlier treatment. The cotton passes over round drums containing many holes and comes out of



the Picker in a wide thick sheet. This is wound in a roll about forty inches wide and eighteen inches in diameter and is called a lap.

Carding

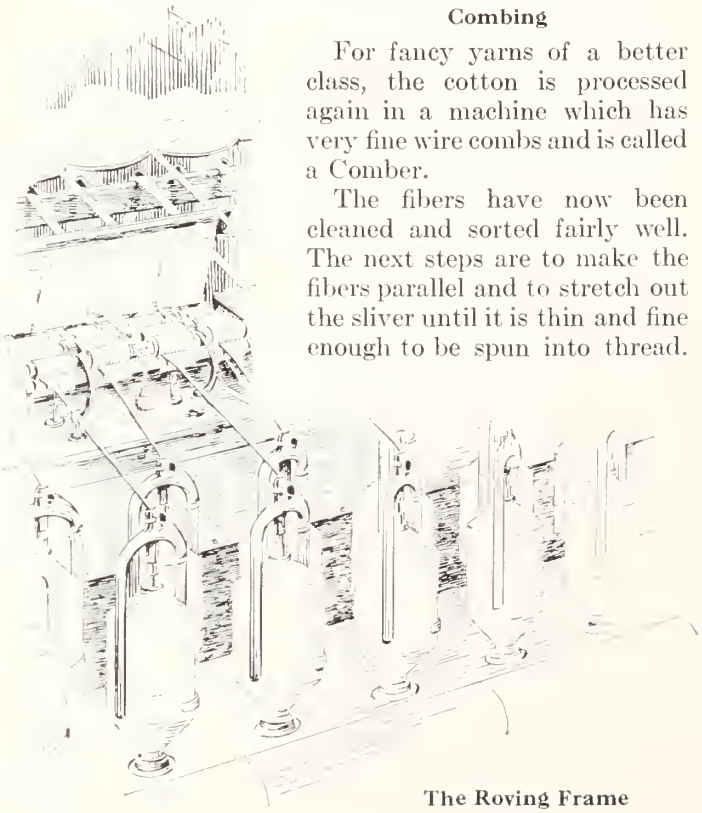
The lap is next fed through a Carding Machine. Large iron cylinders covered with heavy cloth are equipped with rows of thin, short, steel wires. As the cotton passes over the interior surface of the cylinders, millions of these tiny wires, like fine-toothed combs, pull at the fibers, unsnarling and straightening them. At the same time metal teeth which are set in long metal bars, work on the top surface of the lap. The cotton comes from the Card in a thin sheet, so delicate that a breath can break it, is narrowed down to a soft roll of long white rope as thick as a finger, and is put in a tall round can. It is now called sliver. (Pronounced sly′ver.)

The Card

Combing

For fancy yarns of a better class, the cotton is processed again in a machine which has very fine wire combs and is called a Comber.

The fibers have now been cleaned and sorted fairly well. The next steps are to make the fibers parallel and to stretch out the sliver until it is thin and fine enough to be spun into thread.



The Roving Frame

This stretching will pull out the sliver until, as finishe yarn, it will be over two hundred times as long as it i when it came from the Card.

Drawing

The Drawing Frame takes out the irregularities in th slivers by mixing several slivers together and pullin them over one another. The fibers are made to lie paralle and straight. The slivers pass between several pairs o steel rolls, each pair moving faster than the one befor it. The slivers finally come from the Drawing Frame i one long combined sliver.

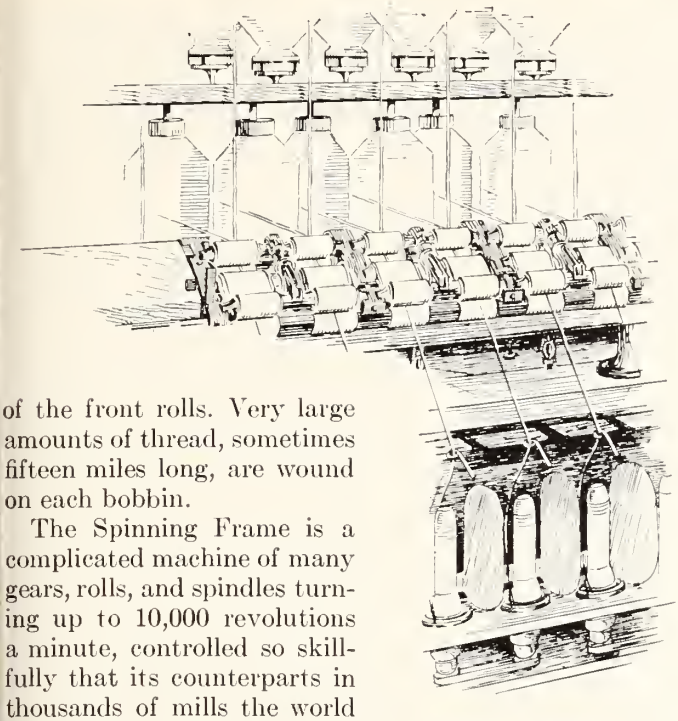
Roving

In the Roving Frame, the cotton is submitted to thre actions. First, it is stretched out into a smaller strand usually about twelve times as long as it is when it leave the Card. Then it is twisted a little so that the fibers ar slightly curled around one another. Finally the cotto is wound on a long cylindrical wooden bobbin. In bac of the Roving Frame, one can filled with sliver is pu behind each of the hundred or more spindles on whic the bobbins are placed. The sliver is pulled out of th can by delicately adjusted rolls which pinch the slive gently. The stretching of the sliver, which is one of th most important operations performed on the cotton, i done by long sets of rolls: one pair of rolls pulls the cotto away faster than a previous set releases it, gradually an evenly pulling the sliver apart, somewhat as taffy i pulled into a thin string. The little cotton fibers stic together enough so that the sliver does not break bu becomes longer and thinner. After passing through sev eral pairs of rolls, the sliver passes down through a hollo tube, called a flyer, which revolves around the bobbin Some slight twist is put in the yarn in this operation The sliver is then wound in layers on the rapidly revolvin bobbin. The sliver has now been narrowed down to thick coarse string called roving, but has so little strengt that a slight pull will break it.

Spinning

The Spinning Frames, which are next in the productio process, are one of the most important made by Whitin On this machine, which often contains over three hundre spindles, the cotton is stretched still more and twiste tighter so that it becomes a very thin, strong threa suitable for use in cloth. The bobbins are taken fro the Roving Frames and are placed on stands, called creels on the top of the Spinning Frame. The roving unwind from the bobbin as specially designed pairs of rolls pul the cotton into the Frame. As in the Roving Frame each pair of rolls moves faster than the previous pair stretching the yarn even finer, from ten to eighteen time its previous length.

Thread or yarn acquires much of its strength from th twisting process to which it has been subjected. Afte the yarn leaves the last set of rolls it passes under a smal piece of flat wire shaped like an almost closed capita "C." This wire, called a traveler, slides freely aroun a large smooth ring which entirely surrounds the spindle The drag of the traveler on the yarn slows it up a littl before it is wound on the rapidly spinning bobbin and helps to create the twist. The amount of the twist ca be determined by carefully controlling the speed of th spindle which holds the bobbin, and controlling the speed



of the front rolls. Very large amounts of thread, sometimes fifteen miles long, are wound on each bobbin.

The Spinning Frame is a complicated machine of many gears, rolls, and spindles turning up to 10,000 revolutions a minute, controlled so skillfully that its counterparts in thousands of mills the world over will produce yarn of the required thickness and strength year after year.

Each of the parts of the Spinning Frame has been carefully studied for years. The spindle alone has required years of research in order to attain a design assuring smooth running, sufficient oiling, and a tight grasp or hold of the bobbin. The gearing must be accurate so that each set of rolls will turn at exactly the right speed. Also, the design of the rolls for holding the fibers properly and drafting them is the result of long and careful study and research by textile engineers. The Whitin Long Draft system is well known all over the world as being outstanding in performance.

Twisting and Winding

Some yarns are twisted further on special machines, called Twisters, to give the yarn added strength or to create special colored threads containing several strands or plies. Sometimes different fibers, such as cotton or rayon, are mixed to make a single thread. The Twister does not use series of paired rolls as in spinning, but does have a traveler revolving on the ring around the bobbin.

To prepare the yarn or thread for use in weaving machines, Whitin makes the Whitin Schweiter Winders which very rapidly and automatically wind yarn from the Spinning Frame on small bobbins which are later placed in the shuttle of a loom or weaving machine. Other machines, called Dresser Reels, wind yarn on huge spools or beams. These beams are also later placed on a weaving machine.

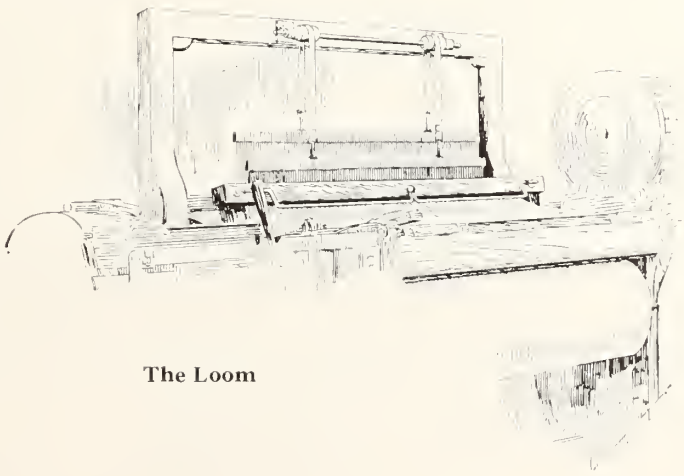
Although Whitin was one of the foremost manufacturers of looms or weaving machinery for over sixty years, the Company's chief products now are a full line of preparatory machines performing every operation from opening to reeling and winding.

Weaving

If you look at a piece of cloth closely you will notice that it is made of threads running lengthwise and across. The lengthwise threads are called the warp and the interlaced crosswise threads are known as the filling. In the modern automatic loom the warp threads are automatically raised and lowered while a small wooden container or shuttle holding a bobbin, flies back and forth through the threads so rapidly that the eye can hardly follow it. The shuttle is refilled with a fresh bobbin by the machine and if even one thread breaks, the loom stops instantly. The long warp threads are connected to a harness that raises alternate threads and forms a V-shaped path for the shuttle. A metal comb right behind the shuttle presses the filling threads firmly into place and the yarn becomes a piece of cloth.

The cloth is cut from the loom and in the cloth room is trimmed, inspected, folded, brushed, and baled. It is now ready for sale as "gray" goods. Before it finally reaches the customer it is dyed and finished and sold to manufacturers who cut it into patterns from which the final product is to be made.

Time and space in this article do not permit an explanation of the other important fibers processed by Whitin machinery. Wool, worsted, silk, asbestos, etc., and the synthetic fibers such as rayon and nylon are handled in specially designed machinery. These will be described in later issues of the SPINDLE.



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CAUTION, HUNTERS!

Every year guns that go off "unexpectedly" injure thousands of persons in the United States. Some 2,400 of the victims die.

Among the victims are many children, to whom a gun has an irresistible attraction. Very few firearms accidents which involve children are the fault of children. They are the fault of adults.

The hunter, after a busy day in the woods, arrives home, impatient to appease his hunger or to tell the "missus" about his hunting. His eagerness makes him careless and he leaves his gun where his son can handle it unobserved—until a blast brings sudden sorrow to the little family. This story is oft repeated in the annals of gun accidents.

If two rules were observed about firearms in the house, most, if not all, firearms accidents would be prevented. The first rule is to keep the gun unloaded. The second is to keep the gun locked up.

Firearms accidents occur in the field too. Here are precautions suggested by the National Safety Council:

Carry your gun "soldier fashion."

If you fall with your gun, remove the shells and check the barrels for dirt or snow. A blocked barrel will explode.

Train yourself to release the safety catch while bringing the gun up to your shoulder for shooting. The "safety" will then be on your gun at all times except when you are actually shooting.

FRONT COVER: This beautiful white Holland turkey is one of many that you would see if you visited the Buker Farm Hatchery on Sylvan Road, Whitinsville.

KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

CARDS AND CARPENTER SHOP

by Rita Deome

Oscar Kurowski should receive the "Oscar" for this one. One night his wife woke him to investigate a noise in the basement of their house. Oscar, armed with everything from a shotgun to a knife, proceeded to the cellar, only to find a rat trying to knock the cover off a can filled with melted fat.

Mary Paul and Conrad Allard of Department 422 are on the sick list. We wish them a lot of luck for a speedy recovery and hope they will be back with us before too long.

Wedding anniversary congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Lefebore, married 8 years on October 1; Mr. and Mrs. Emil Latour, married 26 years October 3; Mr. and Mrs. John Sotek, married 2 years October 12; Mr. and Mrs. Thaddeus Minior, married 5 years October 14; and Mr. and Mrs. George Forsythe, married 17 years October 26. Department 422 wishes them many more years of happiness.

We hear that Henry Blair is up and around again after an operation. Hurry and get well, Henry, we all miss you.

Joseph Bergeron and his family have returned from a motor trip through New York and Pennsylvania. According to Joe this is the best time of the year to travel. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Booth have returned from a trip to their homestead in Canada. Mr. Booth is the foreman of Department 442.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ingham celebrate their eighteenth wedding anniversary October 20. Says Harold, "It seems like we were married only yesterday." Harold is the assistant foreman in Department 452.

Arthur Godfrey has been trying to induce Walter Polucha and Walter Kerrigan of 44 to appear on his talent show. The boys will accommodate if "Corn" Feen goes along to make a trio.

PLANER JOB

by Ray Woodcome

Roxie Asadoorian, Veronica Mahoney, Alice Bassett, and Doris Rankin attended the races at Lincoln Downs recently. The report brought home by a bystander was that Roxie spent most of the afternoon eating hot dogs, Veronica spent her time looking for the 50-cent window, Alice was a heavy show better—and Doris had her hands full trying to keep them straightened out. Incidentally, nobody made any money.

Birthday congratulations this month go to Eleanor Kurzo.

Bill Bazner, "Red" White, Freddie Siepietowski, and Ray Woodcome attended the Army-Stanford football game in New York on November 6. The boys had quite a weekend in the big city.

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The first annual banquet of Departments 424 and 445 was held on September 25, at the Cottage Club in South Bellingham. Forty-two couples represented the departments, danced to the music of Frank Martin's orchestra, and enjoyed the recitations given by their "poet," Charlie Harriman. The evening was a huge success and the congratulations of both departments go to "Doc" Voisel and Joe Ducharme, who were in charge of the banquet

Sports Talk

by Harold Case

The pictures on this page show we are now back indoors where it's warm. One of these photographs shows a few of the fellows who are trying to work away a few unwanted pounds. They realize they are not going to look like modern versions of a mythical Greek God when they hit the beaches next summer, but at least they are letting off a little steam and enjoying some sociability with a congenial group of men. What if they do drop a pound or so and then put it right back on again when the dinner gong sounds? After a period of running around, playing some sort of team game and getting a laugh and kidding a player for making a miscue, you get a relaxed good-natured feeling. The next day the routines of work do not seem quite so tough, despite a few lame muscles. Take a tip from the men in this picture and come in with them on Wednesday nights, not with the idea of working hard at having a good time, but with the thought that you are going to let your hair down and have some fun.

The other picture shows a group of grade school boys practicing a fundamental position on the vaulting bar. Even though some of them would rather chase a basketball, this type of exercise helps them to attain a better sense of balance and teaches them how to fall, a very useful accomplishment when playing any type of game. These young fellows know the lifetime value of physical fitness and are making a good start towards building sound bodies for a long and healthy life.

SHOP BOWLING LEAGUE STANDING

(Through October 19)

Team	Won	Lost	Pinfall
Annealing.....	18	6	8625
Spindle.....	17	7	8615
Office.....	14	10	8497
Card.....	13	11	8519
Screw.....	6	18	8399
Roll.....	4	20	7944

Individual single high string—F. Cowburn, 139; individual high three strings—P. Blaine and Z. Meznicki, 339. Team high single—Spindle, 528; Team high three—Annealing, 1492. Averages: P. Blaine 104; T. Queenan 102; R. Sanderson 101.6; E. Matthieu 100; A. Parker 100; F. Cowburn 100.

Anniversary Week

Twenty-five years ago, on July 7, 1923, the Whitin Community Association opened the doors of the Whitin Memorial Gymnasium.

To commemorate a quarter century of service to the community, the Association has set aside the full week of November 29 for a series of special events. The first night will feature the opening of the 1948-49 Industrial Basketball League. A Northbridge-wide swimming meet is planned for Tuesday evening, and on Wednesday night there will be a public dance. A group of local people will put on a show tentatively titled "The Roaring Twenties" on Thursday evening for junior members of the Gym, and the show will be repeated on Friday for senior Gym members. The week-long celebration will close on Saturday following an exhibition by the Springfield College Gym team.

It's a ticklish job passing the medicine ball during a conditioning session

Grade school boys learning to balance on a vaulting bar

Keeping Up with the News

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MILLING & CHUCK JOBS

by Joe Roche

Annie Hoogendyke and Gladys DeYoung have returned to work after attending a one week's religious conference at Patterson, N. J.

Bob Bachand is on the road to recovery after an operation at Milford Hospital. Hope to see you soon, Bob.

At this writing, plans are under way for a big Halloween party for Department 416, to be held Friday, October 29, at Deane's Barn in Millville. Stella Kurowski and Peggy Riley are co-chairmen.

Here's a picture the gang on the Milling Job might appreciate. Joe "Krupa" Roche putting on an act at the Production Halloween Dance

George DesBarres and Ray VanDyke had Everett Fessenden get them a basket of apples. They were going to divide the apples between them. Everett trustingly left them in his car with a basket he had bought for himself. When George and Ray went over to the parking lot to divide their purchase they decided that there were very few apples in one of the baskets. But there were even fewer in the other one when they got through. Right, Everett?

Our birthday greetings go to Manuel Garner of the night shift.

ROLL JOB

by Fritz O'Connell

Andrew Buma of Aurrela, Iowa, one of Whitinsville's leading bicycle and skating figures in the 1910 era, was on vacation with his family at the home of his brother, Albert Buma. This is Andrew's first visit here in twenty-five years. Andrew was employed on the Roll Job thirty years ago under the late George Gill.

Albina Saster has resigned and will attend to domestic duties at her home in East Douglas. Good luck to you, Albina.

The Roll Job girls have challenged the Roll Job bowling team. The boys accepted, then backed out. What are you afraid of, boys?

Joseph Gonsorcik was operated on at Memorial Hospital, Worcester. He is recuperating at his home in East Douglas. We all hope you will be back with us soon, Joe.

We hear that there was an atomic bomb scare in the Craggy Peak section of Plummers as Mike Ardesian's well was dynamited. Francis Jacobs and Arthur Baillargeron hung onto a sturdy oak tree for dear life. Wonder if Mike is digging an artesian well—or an Ardesian well.

One corner of the Roll Job has been pretty quiet since the Boston Red Sox lost the pennant fight to the Cleveland Indians. The sad faces belong to Cesag Onanian, Chet Flinton, Joe Gniadek, Helen Howard, and James Peck.

Grace Goulding is a newcomer on the Job, replacing Albina Saster. We all hope you are happy on your new job, Grace.

Francis O'Brien has resigned and entered the Apprentice School. He will learn Card Erecting. We hope you have every success in your new job, Francis.

Cecil Baker has returned to his foreman's duties after a week's vacation at Narragansett Pier and Point Judith. He reports that the fishing is very poor. All he caught was a cold.

Francis Jacobs is taking a correspondence course in taxidermy. He reports that he will be able to stuff anything in a month. Watch out for your pets, fellows.

George Baker has returned to work after an absence of a week because of illness.

We hear that Raymond Marshall has a new week-end job—singing in Nel's Grille in Rockdale. Good luck in your new job, Ray

Sylvia Salatiello attended the football game between Holy Cross and Dartmouth at Hanover, N. H., Saturday, October 9.

Congratulations are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. Teake S. Baker, who recently celebrated their forty-fifth wedding anniversary. A family dinner was served at the Christian Reformed Church hall. Teake is a retired contractor, and has been employed on the Roll Job for eleven years.

Birthday congratulations to Edward Kmiotek, Eva Morin, Carl Carlson, Joseph Courteau, Joseph Dumais, Stanley Konvent, William Noe, and Norman White. Our best wishes are extended to Thomas Carroll who retired on November 10.

AROUND THE PLANT

by Sally Jones

A stag party was held October 7 at the Green Lantern in honor of Clinton Hanson of the Electrical Department on his marriage of October 9. Mr. Britten Abert of Boston, Clint Hanson, Anthony Campo, John Wright, and William Burke entertained with piano, accordion, and vocal selections, and sports films were shown by Nap Deschene. A fine dinner and a pleasant evening were enjoyed by all.

Varky Asadoorian is back to work again after an operation at Memorial Hospital in Worcester.

Martin Sharkey is resting at his home after a serious operation at the Milford Hospital. All the gang in the Core Room wish Martin a speedy recovery.

We would have liked to have seen Dan Lajoie's face a few weeks ago. Dan and "Volga Boatman" Harding were out getting a batch of shiners to sell. After pulling out the net, they discovered a goodly number of sizable horned pout. Dan became very excited and suggested to Vaughn that they should take them home. Vaughn didn't have to say "No," because at that moment the game warden stepped out of the bushes. Needless to say, Dan started to throw the pout back into the water with unusual speed.

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This huge planer arrived by truck. The planer, weighing approximately 35 tons, was purchased by the Whitin Machine Works from the Tater Machine Company, Leominster, Mass., and was installed in the west end of the foundry to plane large flasks for our Herman Rollover machine

This is a familiar scene during the noon hour. Fellows from various departments gather between Box Job and Planer Job buildings for a game of horseshoes. Pitching the shoes, left to right: Herman Ebbling and "Gabby" Carpenter; their partners above, left to right: Emery Pouliot and Ernest Brissette

Keeping Up with the News

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Bob Drohan had the darnedest good luck during the World Series season. Ask anyone in the Core Room about it. They shudder at the mention of his name.

One day last summer Harold Case, his wife, and children decided that they would like to go swimming at Holbrook's picnic ground. When they were almost there, the steering wheel came off in Harold's hand. Harold bought an almost new car, they tell us—fifteen years ago.

Stock Room: Hov Mooradian is receiving congratulations on a new squash he grew last month. It's all of three inches long and has three distinct zones of color; green, yellow, and white. Maybe we have another Luther Burbank in our midst.

Ada Gough returned from her Cape Cod vacation looking and acting like its the place we should all go once a year. You boys in Methods, Standards, and Costs must have missed her while she was on vacation.

Mrs. Roy took most of the prizes at the Garden Show from the looks of her ribbon display. Congratulations!

The Department misses Alf Montville and wishes him a speedy recovery from his injury. A trio visited him and came back with this story. Alf fell asleep in his chair and when partially awakened to go to bed kept mumbling, "Where's my cart I've got to find it so I can get to work."

PICKERS AND ROVING

by Sidney Miedema

James Mateer and Norman Desrosiers should not leave home in the morning until they are thoroughly awake. Mateer arrived at work with a low and a high shoe on his feet and Desrosiers appeared with one black shoe and one brown. All this in one week.

The men in the department are happy to welcome Ken West back to work after his three weeks of illness.

John Youngsma will be looking for a new home if his wife doesn't let him dispose of some of the kittens they have around the house. The last seven kittens were going to remain only eight weeks but they are now one year old and still with the Youngsmas. What is going to happen to the seventeen kittens that are now three weeks old? John, why don't you have a talk with Pete Roberts on the Ring Job. He was forced to solve a similar problem a short time ago.

Harry Ampagoomian is being welcomed at Department 421. We wish him the best of luck in his new job as inspector.

Bill Hartley has another new telephone exchange on the Job. Can you imagine the scramble to pick up the correct phone when one or two of the five phones start to ring.

We have received letters from Margaret Rice who is vacationing in Scotland. Margaret hopes the weather is better here than it is in Scotland. The weather has been extremely cold ever since she arrived there.

We hear from the Roving floor that James Connors and Frank Clark took their yearly trip over the Mohawk Trail.

Phil Holmes, the game hunter of the Roving Department, knocked down his first pheasant the day the season opened. The bird flew through one of the windows on the job and practically landed in Phil's lap. Frank Clark had the pleasure of eating the stew.

Robert Romasco, roadman for speeders, is now at Reedville, N. C. Good luck, Bob. . . . Ed Dennett received a card from roadman "Windy" Adams. "Windy" is now at Thomaston, Ga.

Pete Gauvin and James Liberty recently entered their canines in a dog show. Congratulations to Pete who brought home several blue ribbons.

SCREW & GRINDER JOBS

by Sylvia Simonian

We extend get well wishes to Eli Mooradian, who was in a critical condition at Memorial Hospital but is now on the road to recovery.

We hope "The Marine" Fougere will soon recover and be back with us. Fougere was injured on the job and is now at Memorial Hospital.

Will someone please ask Helen Sitnik, the timekeeper in Department 426, for her cake recipe? We must admit that it's the only cake we ever saw that looks like fudge!

David Blakely attended the C.I.O. Convention in Boston this month as a delegate of Local 3654.

Dorothy Antoian sent in the story about Bill Todd, one of our chief woodsmen, who invited a pal to go for a stroll in the woods. The two were lost for seven hours and it took the game warden from Webster three hours to locate Bill's car! We suggest that Bill take a compass along on his future trips.

Birthday wishes go to Joseph Brown and Herb Blakely.

Emmett Martin, the Champ, relaxing at home after a hard day of ping-pong

During the noon hour a few days ago, there was quite a bit of excitement at the Gym. Joe and Emmett Martin were having a hot game of ping-pong—with Emmett winning five games in a row. From what the onlookers tell us, the only reason why Joe lost to Emmett was because of Joe's stomach. It got in his way whenever he had a tricky shot. Joe confirms the fact, too!

The Screw Job wants to take a little space this month to wish Charlie Reilly a speedy recovery from his recent illness. He is recovering at the Whitinsville Hospital.

Speaking of Charlie, you should have seen the potatoes from his garden! All summer long he had been telling us how good a farmer he is. "Just wait till you see my potatoes!" Well, we saw them. Not more than an inch around. They're good chowder potatoes anyhow, Charlie.

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Kenneth looks dubiously at those two candles. Maybe he doesn't want to get out of the Small Fry class. Kenneth's dad is Emile Handfield

Amy May is the seven-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Bartlett

Kay Vandal is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stevenson

Marie's mother, Mary Bike works in Stock Room Number 18

Roland Labelle is the two-year-old son of Roland Labelle of Department 402

Ronald's father, Elphege Morin works for Whitin in Department 429

Carol Ann and Kathlee Mary, daughters of Jo Roche of Department 416

Jimmy Johnson is the four-year-old son of Evelyn and Harold Johnson

Carl J. Dupree, Jr., above, and Jean Carol, right, are the son and daughter of Carl Dupree of the Repair Department. No wonder Carl is so proud!

George, Jr., Richard, Joyce, William, Neal and John Robbins range in age from six months to 13 years. They are the children of George Robbins, of Department 448

George and Linda are the children of Leonard Pendleton of the Spindle Job

David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Larson, Jr. Phil works on the Tool Job

Ronald and Sharleen are the son and daughter of Aral Cogbill of Department 427

Leona's father, Leo Eithier, works on the Winder Job. Leona is one year old

Judy Ann is the daughter of Adrian Benjamin. Adrian works in Department 438

Diane Margaret is the daughter of Michael J. Feen of Department 430

Roberta Jane's daddy is John J. Sullivan, who works on the Ring Job

Charles N. Higgins, II. His father, Charles, works in the Steam Fitting Department

Little Deborah's mother, Jennie Bikes, formerly worked on the Spindle Job

Cindy Caston is the 10-month-old daughter of Bob Caston of Metal Patterns

andra and Raymond Wood, r. Ray Sr. works on the Gear Job

Maureen Kemp's grandfather, Hector St. Jean, works on the Winder Job

Robert George's father is Kirkor Barsamian of the Metal Pattern Job

Lynn Frances, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aime Trottier. Aime is on the Spindle Job

Donna Lee, the 11-month-old daughter of Archie Bolivar of the Tool Job

Small Fry

Children of Whitin people prove the old saying, "It's the little things in life that are the most important."

Merrill, Ralph and Sheila oyce are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill True

Patsy, Charlotte, and Katheryn are the cute children of Mrs. Ruth E. Cormier of the Repair Department

Mary Frances is the daughter of Alice and Joseph Hern. Joe works on the Bolt Job and Alice is a member of Department 439

Our photographer, while passing through the Yard, chanced upon this accident shortly after it occurred. The trailer truck backing into the Yard, tipped over with a load of pig iron when it went over a bump which shifted the weight of the load

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TOOL JOB

by Shirley Oby

Ed Postma enjoyed a well-deserved two weeks' vacation while C. O. Frieswick took over. Ed toured the Southern states, we hear. He had planned to visit Canada but the cool weather must have changed his mind.

One of the old-timers on the Job, Jack Kane, has not been in to work for quite some time. Hurry and get well, Jack, we need your sunny disposition 'round here.

Joe Rosol and Bill Larochelle are planning a week's hunting trip to Canada. Good luck to you both.

Joe Hoogendyke has returned to us from the Methods Department. Nice to have you with us again. Did you get lonesome, Joe?

MAIN OFFICE

We welcome Priscilla Simmons, Esther Anderson and Eleanor Mantell to the Main Office staff.

Edna Silversten of the Billing Department left on October 29 to take up full-time ministry as one of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Gordon Rankin and Thomas Crawford of the Payroll Department are back to work after taking their annual vacations.

Evelyn Litke of the Payroll Department has a month's leave of absence and Mrs. Arlene Buker is filling in for her while she is out.

NUMBER TWO OFFICE

Lemmie Carlson, Dupont representative, collected a bet in a rather unusual way recently. He bet with a young lassie against the Red Sox, and was delighted when, upon opening his mail a few days after the game, he found in the envelope a little red sock with the pay-off tucked in. No name was needed for identification—which proves that originality counts.

Ann Baker was a delegate to a convention of Young Christian Reformed girls held in New Jersey. She has returned to work looking as though she had an excellent time. Ev Feddema attended the same convention during her vacation and she too had a most enjoyable time.

WAGE STANDARDS

Mrs. Carl Brown celebrated her birthday October 13, and Mrs. Farrand made a delicious cake for the occasion. Now everyone is informing Mrs. Farrand of his birthday.

We welcome two newcomers to the department, Mrs. Avis Farrand and Eileene Jablonski.

METHODS DEPARTMENT

Good luck to Armand Cournoyer, SPINDLE cartoonist, who has left the Methods Department and is now working at the Wood Pattern Shop.

We welcome to our department, Robert Courtemanche and John Larson. Hope you enjoy working here.

MASTER LIST DEPARTMENT

Second wedding anniversaries were celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. Norman L'Esperance and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sampson in October. Edna and Lillian both tell of the good time they had at the Meadows.

Bill Skillen and Jim McRoberts have both returned from their vacations. Bill spent his vacation in Brooklyn while Jim stayed at home and enjoyed the World Series.

With regrets we say goodby to Dot Webster, who has left us to make her home in Florida. Good luck, Dot.

Beatrice Fior gave a housewarming recently for all the girls in the Department. Spaghetti and meat balls were served, and a pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

PAYROLL COMPUTATION

Mrs. Victoria Roy of Payroll Computation has moved into her new duplex home on Hecla Street in Uxbridge. Vicky did quite a lot of the interior decorating herself.

Mrs. Audrey Todd, supervisor of Payroll Computation, is currently in the southern shop instructing and supervising the installation of their new payroll system—copied from ours. Audrey expects to stay in Charlotte for five weeks, after which she will take her annual vacation and travel to Nova Scotia.

We welcome Edith Conforth to the Payroll Department. Edith, a former air corps personnel worker, hails from Slatersville, R. I.

While Muriel Garcelon was in the Whitinsville Hospital recently, Mrs. Dick Hare, whose husband works in the Spindle Experimental Room, took charge of Muriel's four children—in addition to her own six! Never Underestimate the Power of a Woman.

PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

John Alden of the Subcontract Division also conducts a travel agency. Very interesting trips are forthcoming when you travel with John. He took F. O. Rizer and Les Dermody to a ball game at Braves Field some time ago, and, after going through the Sumner Tunnel twice and past the Logan Airport three times, the party passed by the

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Mr. and Mrs. John Steele pose for a picture at their reception at Sokol Hall in East Douglas. They were married September 25 at St. Dennis Church

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Charlestown Navy Yard and proceeded to Braves Field. John also has his own private parking lot—a Howard Johnson stand about a mile from the ball park. Incidentally, the expedition might have still been going had not Les and F. O. spied the light tower at the field. From then on in, the caravan just followed the lights.

James H. "Jimmy" Jones, who is quite an artist, has been notified that his fine painting "A Study in Green" is to be returned to him after being a major exhibit at the Worcester Art Museum for the past six months. When one realizes the tremendous competition in the field of art, it must be considered a distinct accomplishment to have a piece of work exhibited by such a famous museum. Our congratulations to Jimmy for another fine painting.

It's needless to say that these two couples enjoyed the Production Halloween dance. Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Coombs and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Blakely

The Production Halloween dance held at the Pastime Club was a big success, as was evidenced by the number in attendance. The hall was trimmed with black and orange decorations, cornstalks, pumpkins, and balloons. Doughnuts, cheese, and sweet cider were served, and Jimmy Ramasco's Rhythmaires kept the party on the move with their smooth music. Here's hoping we have another social in the near future!

The standings of the Production Department Bowling League are as follows:

Team	Won	Lost
Dick's BEARS	13	3
Al's TIGERS	10	6
Weyman's DEERS	6	10
Andy's LAMBS	3	13

High average, Andy Magill, 93.6; high average for women, B. Wawrzkiewicz, 84; high single for men, Andy Magill, 127; high single for women, B. Wawrzkiewicz, 98; high triple for men, Andy Magill, 336; high triple for women, Shirley Lightbown, 276.

A hearty welcome goes to Ann Haringa, who has returned to the Department from "Sunny California."

Les Nutting of Department 449 is shown with the puppies that caused him to forget his lunch one night last month

REPAIR DEPARTMENT

Janet Pieleski and Mame Britton tell us that the welcome mat is out for Ruth Crouthers. Ruth will assist with the filing.

Everyone in the department was envious of Reggie Roscoe during the World Series. Reggie received two ducats to the games. . . . Charlie Noble has returned from his vacation. He spent his leisure listening to the World Series.

Thirty-fifth wedding anniversaries were celebrated by the Bob McKaigs on October 8 and the Herb Lightbowns on October 9. Congratulations!

Bill Crawford has returned from an enjoyable week touring Canada. . . . Alice Bloem motored to Ohio for her vacation.

In the past month Mame Britton received a 30-year pin. She also took her final week's vacation and spent it housecleaning. Congratulations for the years of service and the sparkling house!

WINDER JOB

by "Dorsey" Devlin

Oliver Baker told me of a cute question asked by his six-year-old son Dickie that is worth passing on. It seems that on the evening that we changed to Standard Time, Oliver reminded his wife to change the clock. "Daddy," asked little Dickie, "do we have another clock for the winter?"

The day that the Red Sox and the Indians played off for the pennant, "Frenchy" Beaulier, Roy Liard, and "Ziggy" King took off for Boston. (Without tickets). They crowded and pushed along with thousands of others, knowing all the while that a chance of getting a ticket was nothing but wishful thinking. Finally "Frenchy" approached a news cameraman and inquired if he could use some help. When the cameraman replied in the affirmative, "Frenchy" proceeded to pick up part of the equipment and entered the Golden Gates of Fenway Park. During the game, his assignment was to get the pictures from the photographer on the third-base roof and deliver them to the dispatcher on the street. Here's the payoff. "Frenchy" not only saw the game free, but also received a fee for his work, while "Ziggy" and Roy sat in the center field bleachers a la scalpers. (We wonder if "Frenchy" has found out what Doby was stealing?)

I understand that we have a night club entertainer in this Department. Sally Friel, the "Irish Thrush," won a prize for warbling "My Wild Irish Rose" in one of the better Manchaug night spots.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery go from this Department to Joe Carfagno, who, at this writing, is confined to St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester.

We are all happy to have John Bogie back with us after an absence of six weeks.

Your reporter received a card from Annie Scott, who is, at this writing, on vacation in Scotland. Annie, who wished to be remembered to all her friends, was formerly an inspector in this Department.

"Buster" Caswell, Ethan Tatro, Bob Croteau, and their wives recently spent a week end at Coos County, N. H., on a hunting expedition.

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Group of Whitin employees who had a picture taken at the C.I.O. clambake, September 19, at Point Breeze, Webster. Left to right: Herbert Henderson, Kay Kane, Louise Mangoonian, Oscar Ampagoomian, Eva Bilodeau, Rose Gandolfi, Margaret Gendron, and Molly McGeogh

Dick's Sunoco Softball Team, champions of the Pop's League, held a celebration banquet at the 1880 Club, September 25. Players and managers, together with their wives, made up a party of thirty-three who attended the banquet and reveled in their success. Credit must be given to Walter Lawton, Sr., Sunoco manager, for a successful team as well as a successful party. On the right, Richard Wheeler, sponsor of the Sunoco team, was presented the winners' trophy by Roscoe Marker, director of recreation. Mrs. Wheeler, earlier in the evening, was presented a baseball bat by the Master of Ceremonies. The bat was almost as tall as she. Walter Lawton, manager of the Sunoco team looks on approvingly

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FOUNDRY

by Varkis Arakelian

Congratulations to Theodore (Cowboy) Martin and his wife, who celebrated their thirty-eighth wedding anniversary on September 3. They were married at St. Patrick's Church in Whitinsville. A party was given for the couple at their home in Worcester, at which they were the recipients of many beautiful gifts.

Alva LeMoine and Mabel Hayward were recently united in marriage at the Episcopal Church in Whitinsville. Alva is employed in the Foundry

Herman Haringa is back on the job after a six weeks' leave of absence. Herman and his family made a trip to Alameda, Calif., to visit his sister. They stopped at many points of interest on their 10,000 mile trip. Herman says you haven't seen anything until you take in the sights of the U.S.A.

This story comes from the boys on the squeezers. Arthur Masse bought a (brand new) 1931 Packard six months ago. During this time, the car has spent five and a half months in the hands of auto mechanics who are trying to get it in running order. They'd better hurry up—his 1948 plates will soon expire.

Speaking of cars, have you seen the new 1949 Lincoln that "Handsome Koko" Kotian is sporting around? The car does everything but make coffee. Joseph Lemoine has also been heard bragging about the wonders of his new 1949 Kaiser.

The Foundry went on another fishing trip, and this time they had better luck. Prizes were given to the following: Arthur Burroughs, for catching the largest fish; "Shorty" Auclaire, for catching the most fish; Isaac Grant, for catching the smallest fish. Isaac had a little better luck this time, even if the fish WAS small. Last time all he caught was the boat's anchor.

John Holewa and Gerald Lecour have started their apprenticeship in molding in the Foundry.

Glad to see Ronald Ringels and George Spence back on the job. Ronald lost his little finger in an accident in the Foundry, and George strained his back at work.

John Lang, Horace Carlos, John Soregian, and Earl Burroughs are on the Foundry sick list at this writing. Hope to see you all back with us soon.

COTTON MILL

by Louise Sohigian

Albert Dix of Department 451 went to Miami, Fla., to attend the American Legion Convention.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hickey celebrated their twenty-fourth wedding anniversary on October 11. We hope they have many more. Mrs. Hickey is our timekeeper, and we know that if she treats Jim as well as she treats the folks on the job, he has nothing to worry about.

We are glad to welcome back Aldea Peterson and Eva Landry. The girls were out on leaves of absence.

Birthday greetings for the month of October go to Ruth Todd and George Gobeille.

At the time of this writing, Betty Dionne and Eileen Leavitt are out of work. We hope they'll be back with us soon.

Miss Jennie Stefancyk and Albert Ratkiewicz were united in marriage on September 25 at St. Peter's Church, Rockdale

NICKEL PLATING AND PARKERIZING

by Edmund Leduc

We hear that some people in East Douglas are feeling pretty low these days. The reason is that Harry Crockett of this department has traded his jeep for a new 1948 Frazer. Last year Harry and his trusted jeep plowed out many a driveway and saved some people many a backache.

Everyone connected with Department 431 was happy to hear that Dosilva Beauchamp was back on the job after a week's illness.

Bob Stewart has plenty on his mind these days. He's busily engaged in building himself a summer cottage at a near-by lake. Bob has had his troubles trying to drill a well through a rock ledge.

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Tree spraying in the horse and buggy days. Bill Scanlon says he never liked horses, they carry tails. Left to right: Ralph Roberts, Bill Scanlon, and Pete Heidinga

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YARD & OUTSIDE CREWS

by Bill Scanlon

Eugene Ethier came home from Nova Scotia with two deer. The boys are waiting for their supply.

Pat Konvent and Bill Smith went deer hunting, too. They arrived home with a bedraggled little coon. Better luck next time, boys!

"Chicken" Dean is trying his best to get the boys interested in a glee club. They're still holding out for harmonicas.

Tunney Oliver has been seen quite often at the hospital. That was a lucky accident, Tunney!

SPINNING SMALL PARTS

by Norman Deshaies

Last year we used to get weekly reports of how Dave Clark was consistently beaten by Louis Rutana in the Retired Businessmen's Cribbage League. This year Dave is playing partners with Louis. We haven't heard much about the results. We wonder why.

Ernie Tessier, Gerry Lalanecttc, Joe Poxon, and your reporter are being called the Spaghetti Quartet. It couldn't possibly be because of our daily trips to a spaghetti place in North Uxbridge, could it?

The glorious finish of the American League Pennant race had everyone in a baseball mood. Out of the whole gang of rooters, only Phyllis Maker happened to have her favorites come through. Don Simmons' Yankees finished third, Louis Rutana's Athletics finished fourth, and Florence Zarooghian and your reporter took it pretty hard when the Red Sox were nosed out by Cleveland. One of the best comments on the Series was made by a radio announcer from Cleveland in giving the weather report on the day of the third game of the Series. His statement was, "The weather report here in Cleveland is rain, but don't get discouraged because the weather bureau has erred on just as many occasions as has Bob Elliot in the Series." Phyllis, are you listening?

We welcome John Campbell, our grievance man, back to the Department. John was out for more than a month as a result of injuries received in an automobile accident. We are also glad to report that Leo Collins is back with us after a long illness.

Kenny Johnson, Clara Darling, and Mrs. Arthur Bedard are absent because of illness.

RING JOB

by Everett A. Gaspar

The Ring Job Bowling League started their season on September 10 with these teams and captains: The JOLLY ACES, captained by Ernie Glode; the OLD-TIMERS, captained by Ernie Tremblay; the SPORTSMEN, captained by Kay Ebbeling; and the STARLETS, captained by Walter Lawton. At this time the JOLLY ACES are in the lead with sixteen points.

Nelson Hemingway, Richard Calnan, John Sullivan, and Ernest Beauchesne have gone onto nights, and Roger Makowski has come back onto days.

An item I missed in last month's issue: Our timekeeper, Stella Stavinski, and husband, John, of the Roll Job, spent Labor Day week at Niagara Falls. Both enjoyed the wonderful scenery, and the good meals they got so reasonably on the Canadian side of the line.

Many times we have to hunt for rings to fill an order, but recently three of the girls on the Job had to hunt for another type of ring among the Ring Job rings—Cecelia Fournier lost her wedding ring, Ora Morel and Annie Gniadek lost diamonds. We spent some anxious moments helping them, but the search was successful.

Archie Handfield has been a patient at St. Vincent Hospital for several weeks but is home now. Hurry back, Archie, for we miss you.

If anyone is feeling blue, come to see Norman Lemay—he's an expert at laugh-getting. He can cross one eye while the other looks straight ahead, he can imitate, as well as sing Japanese songs and cowboy songs.

GEAR JOB

by Ray Larochelle

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Earle Hanney on their forty-sixth wedding anniversary on October 8. Earle has been with the shop for over fifty years.

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Ten Whitin men on Avakian Semi-pro Football Team: Front row, left to right: Harry Brown, Jr., Pattern Loft; Henry Stuart, Jr., Spinning Department; Joseph Burroughs, Foundry; Pigaga; Dunbar; Harold Kavonian, Planer Job; James Thomas Burns, Erecting; Clemmons; Florendo Colonero, Box Job; Bylund; Dusso; Parquette; McLean; Freeburn; Leucom; Pouliot; Gorman; J. Piasta, Spinning Department. Absent when picture was taken, James Magowan, General Machining; B. Piasta; John Lennon, Roll Job; Kingdon, and Edward Jones, Box Job. Action photograph on the right was taken during the Westboro game

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Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jongsma have returned after a week's motor trip to Washington, D. C. They visited points of interest and had a grand time. Pete's only complaint—"Not enough time!"

Mr. and Mrs. Alvan Winchell celebrated their eleventh wedding anniversary on September 25. Congratulations!

Mrs. Betty Bishop has left to join her husband, who is permanently stationed in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Skillens celebrated their seventeenth wedding anniversary on October 12. Congratulations.

We suggest that George Guertin get an alarm clock for his car. Maybe then he could have his nap at the noon hour and still manage to get back to work by one o'clock.

Suggestion Awards in the Month of September 1948

Dept.	Name	Suggestion Number	Amount of Award
454	Leo Petrie	47–710	$30.00
454	Russell Bailey, Gilbert Baker, Arthur Dufries	48–102	25.00
424	Hector W. Chase	48–185	25.00
413	Claude R. Bolduc	48–5	20.00
421	Henry F. Hall	48–222	16.00
406	Colbert Lavoie	48–258	10.00
496	Leo Menard	48–280	10.00
489	Alfred C. Ravenelle	48–257	10.00
449	Norman Deragon	48–277	7.50
412	Adelard Desrosiers	48–245	7.50

Suggestion Awards in the Month of October 1948

Dept.	Name	Suggestion Number	Amount of Award
454	Vincent Cotnoir	48–156	$5.00
496	Robert H. Croteau	47–152	5.00
485	Wilmot Hastings	48–161	5.00
463	Karl W. Rollins	48–292	5.00

SPINNING FLOOR

by Francis Horan

Have you noticed the new green jockey caps being worn by some of the girls around the plant? Maybe if some of the boys wore them they might have a little better luck with the "gees."

Ben Scott, foreman on the Spinning Floor, took this interesting fall scene of the Mumford River. The photograph was taken from the bottom of Border Street facing Picnic Point

Lucy Vallee is back to work in Kayser's division. She had her stretch of housework—and prefers the tune of the trumpet rods.

George Dumas is limping around the Floor these days. He injured his leg while jumping a wall during field trials for beagles. George, who is one of our painters, should use a little of that paint on the boat he had his picture taken in. (See last month's SPINDLE.)

Bill Belanger was presented a gift from the boys in the Machine Division. Bill is leaving the Machine Division for the Metal Pattern Department. The best of luck was wished him by all the boys.

Howard Heald is thinking very seriously of suggesting crash pads for spinning frames. Raising his head the other day, his mouth came into contact with one of the crossbars. Result, a broken plate.

Susan DerSarkisian was tendered a surprise birthday party at the home of Helen Altoonian. Susan was the recipient of many nice gifts.

Some come, some go. Roadmen J. Eugene Racine, Lenwood Griffin, and Arthur Warren worked with us for a few days but have now left. Duncan Cunningham has returned from Eire and Iceland. Ed Marshall is back to work after enjoying a trip to New Brunswick, and our timekeeper, Mrs. Floriann Cameron, is back after a delightful trip to Canada.

The Job's bowlers are beginning to sharpen their eyes a bit—Bill Lelievre's 121 still tops the high single mark. The league secretary, Louise Ooligvian, has been out sick but is now back and promises to have the averages straightened out.

BOLSTER JOB

by Bizar Hagopian

The luckiest man on the Bolster Job, during the week of the World Series, was Joe Dempsey. Joe received a telegram stating that

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BRICK SCHOOL '08—Front row, left to right: (Unknown), Phil Johnston, Pete Buma, Charlie Foppema, Bill McGuire, Harold Youngsma, Ben Brouwers, George Brouwers, Fred DeBoer. Second row: Bill Youngsma, Grace Manter, Josie Lawrence, Nancy Feenstra, Jennie Minkema, Sadie Bolster, Jessie McMahon, Annie Boutlier, Dora Feddema, Hattie Vandyke, Rena Nyeholt, Bill Brouwers. Third row: Eva Oosterman, Albert Brouwers, Raymond Johnston, Raymond Buma, Sakie Buma, Martin McGuire, Thomas Faber, Clarence Youngsma, John McGuire, George DeBoer, Simon Heslinga, John Vandersee, Eva DeBoer. Top: Teachers, Annie Benjamin, (Unknown)

Whitin Community Basketball Team, 1937. First row, left to right: Bill Smith, Mossy Murray, Captain; Bud Oliver. Second row: Paul Duggan and Bud Budzena. Third row: Harold Case, Francis McCool, and Arthur Broadhurst, Coach. Absent when photograph was taken were Harley Buma, Herman Buma, Joe Chabot, and Dick Cunningham

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because he was chairman of the "Jimmie Fund" in Millville, four tickets for the games were being reserved for him through the courtesy of the Boston Braves. Joe took his son to the games and reports that they enjoyed them very much.

Francis Giard, who formerly worked on the day shift, is now working nights. He is attending barbering school in Boston during the day, learning to be a "tonsorial artist." Be careful of the ears, "Chippy."

James Fallon, Jr. is taking a night course in architectural drawing at the Rhode Island School of Design.

September birthdays were celebrated by Harold Flinton and Lorraine Breault.

Victor Poirier doesn't have to worry about the housing shortage any more. Vic, with the help of his father, just completed work on a new home in South Uxbridge for himself and his bride.

One morning, just a short while ago, Melvin Calhoun and Philip Svendon were seen hurriedly leaving the shop. Because both Melvin and Philip are members of the reserves, word immediately spread through the Job that another World War had started and that the government was calling out all the reserves. Fortunately, it turned out to be a false alarm. They were just hurrying to the ball game in Boston.

SPINDLE JOB

by Joe Hickey

We had a little excitement this month with two small fires on the Job. It seems that John Lamont and Joe Noel were working too hard and the ventilation pipe over their machines caught fire. Fire Company Number Two responded instantly and soon had everything under control.

Mr. and Mrs. Donna Picard celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on October 16. We wish them many more years of happiness.

Romeo Turgeon, inspector on the automatics, was presented a purse of money by the members of the automatics. He left the Job on October 18 for service in the U.S. Army, and reported to Providence for further assignment.

We understand that Al Rachie, who operates from the Mendon Airport, is an accomplished flyer. He extends an invitation to Frank Magowan to take a little spin over Narragansett Bay.

Anna Alix was tendered a surprise party on October 26 at the Bocci Club in Woonsocket by the girls of the Spindle Job. She was presented with a silver percolator set and a set of dishes in anticipation of her approaching marriage.

FREIGHT HOUSE

by Harold Bazner

It's nice to see Jimmy Rice back on the job after being ill for so long. We missed your "voice," Jimmy. You and Sinatra. All you can hear around the office is "Oh, Jimmy's back!!" Now, "Aren't you glad you're you?"

Arthur St. Andre, supervisor at the truck loading platform, is spending a few weeks in Georgia. We expect him to come back with a southern accent. How are the mint juleps, Arthur?

Obituaries

John Heys, retired foreman of the Shop, died last month on a Cunard liner while en route home from a six months' visit with relatives in England.

He was born in Mossley, Lancashire, England, and came to this community in 1899. He was employed at the Whitin Machine Works for almost forty-five years and served as an assistant foreman for twenty-six years. At the time of his retirement in 1943 he was foreman of Spinning, Twisters, Wool, Worsted, Rayon, Quiller and Winding Erecting Floors.

Mr. Heys, an accomplished pianist, organized his own orchestra and conducted it for more than twenty years. He retired from the organization in 1922.

One of the oldest members of Granite Lodge, A.F. & A.M. he held the office of organist for forty years. He was a member of Whitinsville Lodge, Odd Fellows, and Social Rebekah Lodge, and served as pianist for both organizations. For the past several years he was an active member of the Kiwanis Club and served as pianist and chairman of the music committee. He was affiliated with the Village Congregational Church. He was also a member of the Whitco Foremen's Club.

He leaves a cousin, Mrs. Alice McKee of this town, and several nieces and nephews located in New England, Canada, and England.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Rein Nyholt, who passed away at the age of 74, on October 3. Rein was employed on the Comber Job for several years and retired four years ago on May 24.

The members of the Drafting Room wish to extend their sympathy to Stuart Visser and John Vecchione on the deaths of their fathers.

The Ring Job extends its deep sympathy to Everett Gaspar and his family on the death of Everett's wife.

We report with regret the death of Frank Mateer of the Core Room. A native of Belfast, Ireland, Mr. Mateer, prior to his illness, was employed in the Core Room for forty years. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Jacob Sohigian and his wife upon the sudden death of their two-year-old son, Richard, on September 28. Jacob is employed on the Roll Job.

William H. Gilroy, employed in the Foundry for the past forty years, died October 25 in St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester. We extend our deep sympathy to his widow, Bridget Gilroy, four daughters, Mary, wife of Ernest Plante of the Drafting Room; Anna, wife of Royal Noe of Upton; Misses Catherine and Helen Gilroy of town; three sons, William and Louis of town and James of Northbridge; a sister, Mrs. Ann Kennedy of Milford; three brothers, Andrew of Milford, Peter of Ireland and Patrick of Scotland; also three grandchildren.

HOBBY—

Let's Talk Turkey

When November rolls around and the days are clear and cold, the local high school becomes football conscious and most of us begin to think about Thanksgiving—and turkeys. But thinking of turkeys isn't a seasonal luxury with Ernie Buker of the Planer Department—it's a year round occupation.

Ernie and his wife started turkey farming "for the fun of it" in 1942 with only 15 turkeys housed in a 4′ by 7′ building. Today, six years and much hard work later, the Bukers boast a two story 42′ by 32′ barn, a 127′ by 10′ wire runway, and two 10′ by 12′ heated brooder houses. This establishment provides for 400 White Holland turkeys, a large number, but not so large for Ernie, who has raised as many as 900 turkeys a year in the past.

This business of turkey farming entails much more than just putting the birds in a coop and letting them grow large and fat. Knowledge, judgment, work, and a bit of a gambling instinct, all play a part in the raising of turkeys. One of the specific fundamentals, however, is the selection of breeders. These birds must be fast-growing and healthy, with well-proportioned breasts, short legs and straight keels. Without good breeding stock the turkey farm cannot hope to be successful. Ernie's turkeys have taken prizes from Springfield to Brockton.

The Bukers have two incubators with a total capacity of 3,075 eggs. After the eggs are put into an incubator, it takes about 28 days for them to hatch. It is important to keep the incubator at the correct temperature and humidity. Two or three days after the poults are hatched the brooder house is made ready. The brooder stove is lighted and thereafter for the first week a temperature of 95° is maintained. If the poults are not kept warm they huddle together so that they smother or they become cold and die. The second week the temperature is lowered five degrees and thereafter for the next six weeks the temperature of the brooder house is diminished at the rate of five degrees a week. At the end of eight weeks the turkeys are large enough to be transferred to a wire runway.

If you're considering starting a turkey farm, Ernie has a few tips for you.

1. Cleanliness is essential. Incubators should be thoroughly cleaned and fumigated after each hatch.

2. Adequate nutrition is a requisite for strong, healthy birds. (The Bukers use a special formula prescribed by experts of the University of Massachusetts.)

3. Turkeys are susceptible to a great number of diseases. Therefore, proper vaccines and other preventives must be used.

4. Turkey farming is a 24-hour job, 52 weeks a year! It's a lot of work, but it's also a great deal of fun, especially when the birds grow large and are marketed successfully.

Jimmy Gellately helps his stepfather, Ernest Buker, with the feed

John Bednarz was married to Anita Widak of Pawtucket in St. Joseph's Church, Central Falls, on Saturday, October 23. The couple will spend their honeymoon in Washington, D. C., and on their return will reside in Blackstone. John is a roll straightener in Department 436.

Wedding bells rang on Saturday, November 13, for Theresa O'Brien, of the Main Office, and Richard Kogut, of Department 416, at St. Augustine's Church in Millville.

Lewis Burns, of the Subcontract Department, and Edith Gonlag, of the Main Office, were united in marriage on Saturday, October 23, at the Edgewood House in Grafton.

Congratulations to Larry Dusablon, of Department 426, on his recent engagement to Miss Rita Pouliot, of North Smithfield, R. I.

Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Credit, who were married on October 2 in St. Bridgid's Church in Millbury. Mrs. Credit, the former Evelyn Fayark, is the timekeeper and stock clerk in the Tin Shop. The couple honeymooned in Tampa, Fla.

Our best wishes to Nancy Alcarse, who became the bride of Hector Bouchard on November 6 in the Sacred Heart Church in Milford. Nancy is a file clerk in Department 465 and Hector works on the Winder Job.

Sue Harabedian, of the Repair Section, was married on November 14 to Anthony P. Martin, of Worcester. After a motor trip to New York and Washington, the couple will reside in Worcester.

Congratulations and best wishes go to Emil Eramo, of the Tool Job, and Lucy DiLeo, who were married on October 2.

Best of luck to Dotty Lemoine, of Material Requirements, and George Aspinwall, of the Spinning Floor, who were married recently.

Congratulations are in order for Jim Brosnahan, of the Master List Department, who walked down the aisle September 25. Mrs. Brosnahan is the former Helen Pristawa. Lots of luck to you both.

Miriam Stranger left the Freight Office staff to become the bride of Howard Adams on September 26. They will live in Seal Harbor, Me. Best wishes to you both.

Miss Irene Salo is now sporting a diamond engagement ring. The lucky fellow is Ernest Briggs. Both Irene and Ernest are employed in the Freight House.

Miss Gloria Bartlett, of the Freight Office staff, became the bride of Leonard Mainville on October 2.

On Saturday, October 16, Dominic O'Gara, of Department 438, was married to Mary Deletti, of Milford, in the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Milford. Best man for Dominic was his brother-in-law, William Jasmin, also of Department 438. The couple honeymooned in Canada.

Carolyn Boutilier, of the Gear Job, was married to Robert Dion, of the Metal Pattern Job on September 25. Best wishes and happiness from both Departments.

Congratulations to Henry Roy, of the Laundry, on his recent engagement to Lucille Reindau. Both are from Woonsocket.

Word has been received of the marriage of Doris Freitas, of the Method Department, to William Taft, of North Uxbridge. Best wishes, Doris.

Phyliss Sotek, of Department 449, was united in marriage to Louis Kosciak in St. Peter's Church in Northbridge on October 23. The bride was given in marriage by her brother Stanley. Phyliss' sister, Sophie Jezarski, was the matron of honor and Edward Kosciak was the best man.

Best wishes to Wilfred Bromley, of the Spinning Floor, and Rita Donavon who were married in St. Patrick's Church, Whitinsville, on Saturday, October 23.

Jack Tebo, of the Spinning Floor, will be married to Rita LeMay on November 20. Congratulations, Jack.

Our best wishes to Edward Shugrue, of Department 448, and Priscilla Christopher, who were married in the Church of the Nazarene, Woonsocket, on September 25.

Eleanor O'Donnell and Leo Leduc were married September 26 in St. Edward's Church, Woonsocket. Leo works in Department 442.

Walter Surowiec of the Comber Job is receiving congratulations on his third child, an eight-pound-seven-ounce girl born in the Woonsocket Hospital. Mrs. Surowiec is the former Virginia Dyjak.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tattersall are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter. Dorothy was formerly of the Repair Department.

Mr. and Mrs. John McGinniss are the new parents of a baby girl born in Greenwich, Conn. Mrs. John McGinniss, the former Margaret Duggan, was a member of the Repair Department before her marriage.

Receiving congratulations on the birth of sons are Mr. and Mrs. James Shaw and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Arterton.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Wright are receiving congratulations on the birth of a seven-pound-ten-ounce son, born October 4. Norm is the editor of the WHITIN SPINDLE.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Brodeur are also receiving congratulations on the birth of twin sons, Albert and Robert. Al works in Department 448.

Congratulations are extended to John Montgomery of the Budget Department and Mrs. Montgomery upon the birth of their second daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Al O'Rourke are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, as are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wallace. Both Al and Ed are employed in Department 448.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Bacon, of Blackstone, announce the birth of a ten and one-half pound boy at the Woonsocket Hospital. Emil works in the Garage.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Mikolayck, of East Douglas, on the birth of a nine-pound baby girl at the Whitinsville Hospital. John works in the Garage.

The James Hagans, of Blackstone, are receiving congratulations on the birth of a seven-pound girl. Jim works in the Garage.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Broullett, of Linwood, are the proud parents of a seven-and-one-half-pound boy. Bill works in the Garage.

Congratulations are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kowalczyk upon the arrival of a daughter at the Woonsocket Hospital, Wednesday, September 22. Stanley couples Rolls on the Roll Job.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sansoucy are the proud parents of an eight-pound-six-ounce boy born at the Whitinsville Hospital. The newcomer will be called Ernest after his dad, who works on the Milling Job.

The Ken Greenwoods proudly announce the birth of their third child, a ten-pound-fourteen-ounce girl, born October 8 at the Whitinsville Hospital. Mr. Greenwood is the assistant foreman in Department 442.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Caron on the arrival of a baby boy at the Milford Hospital, October 12. Arthur works in the Foundry.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Burroughs on the birth of their third son at the Whitinsville Hospital. Joe works in the Foundry.

Ruth and Leslie Benton are receiving congratulations on the birth of a ten-pound-eleven-ounce son at the Whitinsville Hospital in July. Leslie is in charge of the Number Five Stock Crib.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gobeille of Woonsocket announce the birth of a daughter, Patricia May. George works in the Mill.

Two of the employes on the Bolster Job recently became proud fathers of sons born at the Whitinsville Hospital. Receiving congratulations are the Alfred Majeaus and the Edgar MacDonalds.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rutana upon the birth of a baby girl, Frances Edna, on September 23. Paul works on the Spindle Job.

Congratulations are in order for Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sangster. They were blessed, October 4, with a baby daughter.

Mythical Town Fire Department in Action

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For centuries artists, inspired with holy zeal, have endeavored to portray their visions of Jesus, our Saviour. They strove, not only to depict the manly beauty and compassionate humanity of our Lord, but also to evoke the majesty and power of His Divinity. The "pen picture" printed below seems to achieve, through the written word, what great artists have captured and preserved in their masterpieces. It is a translation of an excerpt from a letter purported to be written by Publius Lentulus, procurator of Judea, to the Roman Senate. Aside from its authenticity, it is so exquisite a "word painting" of Jesus, that we have here reproduced it for our readers.—F. N. Stone

"In these, our days, there appeared a man of great virtue, named Jesus Christ, Who is yet living amongst us, and of the Gentiles is accepted as the Prophet of Truth. He raises the dead and cures all manner of diseases. A man of stature somewhat tall and comely, such as the beholder may both love and fear. His hair of the color of chestnut, full ripe; plain to His ears, whence downward it is more Orient and curling, and waving about His shoulders. In the midst of His head is a seam, a partition in His hair, after the manner of the Nazarites. His forehead plain and very wrincate; His face without spot or wrinkle, beautiful with a lovely red. His nose and mouth so formed that nothing can be reprehended. His beard is in color like His hair, not very long but forked; His look innocent and mature. His eyes gray, clear and quick and luminous. In reproving He is terrible, His eyes piercing—as with a two-edged sword—the greedy, the selfish and the oppressor, but look with tenderest pity on the weak and erring and sinful. Courteous and fair spoken; pleasant in conversation, mixed with gravity. Many have seen Him weep. In proportion of body—most excellent—a man for His singular beauty surpassing the children of men." —from *The Fusion Point*

The Season's Greetings

from OUR PRESIDENT

To all of you I extend the heartiest Season's Greetings, and with them go my best wishes for your health, prosperity and happiness in the coming year.

¶ As 1948 passes on into history, I should like to review briefly our accomplishments and shortcomings and to tell you what I see ahead for us.

¶ As you know, during World War II our shop was almost entirely devoted to war work, with the result that we built very little textile machinery, and that only on priorities issued by the War Production Board. This resulted in a very large backlog of textile machinery for us to build when the war ended and restrictions were removed. In 1947 we started to get into full swing on our regular products and in 1948 we really began "to roll."

¶ In order to maintain our position in the industry and prevent competitors from taking orders from us, it was necessary that we concentrate on building and delivering to our customers as much new machinery as possible. Indeed we have built more machinery this year than in any previous years of our history. In order to accomplish this it was necessary just about to double our force of employees over prewar years. It would have been very nice indeed had we been able to stretch out these deliveries over a period of years, but it was impossible to do so because our customers simply would not wait that long for their equipment and would have purchased it elsewhere.

¶ While it is true that we have delivered a great deal of machinery this year, too much of this was delivered incomplete; that is, with too many shortages. Also, with the emphasis that we placed upon building new machinery, we have given very bad service to our customers by not supplying them with much needed repair parts. Both of these failures to give proper service have been very embarrassing to your management. Obviously, a machine is of no possible use to the customer until all parts have been delivered so that the machine can be placed in operation. By the same token, our customers need the replacement parts that they order from us to keep their existing machines running. It is going to be very necessary for us to plan our work so that in 1949 machines will be delivered complete, and we must concentrate on getting out more repair parts.

¶ The result of not delivering sufficient replacement parts has been that many small shops throughout the country have been manufacturing Whitin

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parts for Whitin machines and delivering them to our customers. In lean times we are dependent upon this type of business and we must put forth greater effort to getting these parts out; otherwise, our customers are going elsewhere for them.

¶ In certain of our lines we have very largely taken care of the pent-up demand so that it now becomes necessary for us once more to go after new orders strenuously. Also, certain basic changes have taken place in the textile industry in the last few months. At the present time a great many mills are on short time. Their prices are high due to sharply increased costs and they are meeting buyer resistance. This is particularly true in the woolen field. This means that woolen mills are not, therefore, interested in placing orders for additional new machinery. As a result, in order to maintain a high level of employment, it will be necessary for us to increase our production on certain of our cotton and other machinery. Therefore, some departments in the shop will not be operating to capacity and we are already finding it necessary to transfer help from these jobs to other jobs in the shop. Your co-operation in helping us work out these transfers will be very much appreciated indeed. We have no choice but to do this.

¶ You have my assurance that your management is going to do everything in its power to keep as many people as possible gainfully employed. We look forward to the coming year and the future years with confidence. Your management has spent a great deal of money in modernizing the plant so that it will be possible for us to meet competition in the future and to remain strong.

¶ What effect the extremely unsettled world conditions might have upon our operations, we have no possible way of knowing. It is entirely probable that certain vital materials that go into our products may be put under allocation by the government. We assure you, however, that we will do everything possible to see that the necessary materials are obtained to keep the plant operating at a substantial volume.

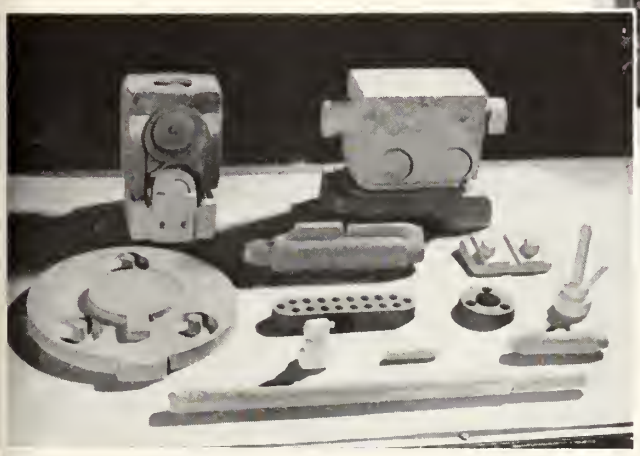
¶ If we all do our part and work together as a team, success for the new year would certainly seem to be assured, and I know I can count upon your co-operation.

Sincerely,

J. Hugh Bolton

President

SAND + SKILL = CORES



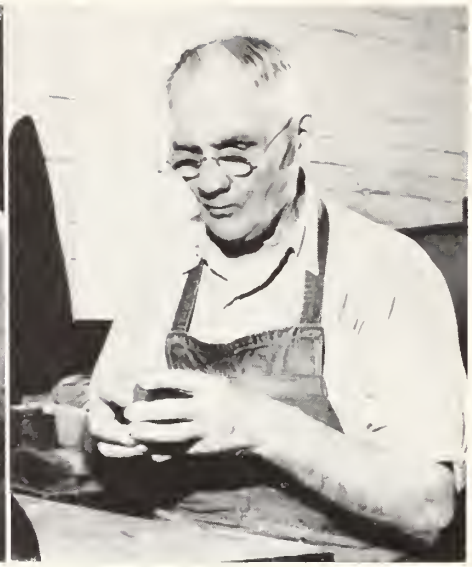
Newell Oliver, assistant foreman, checks cores as they are removed from the oven. An under-baked core may break in handling, or it may produce a defective casting. An over-baked core has a weak surface, edges and corners rub off easily and sand may be cut loose by the molten metal. Shown on the left are a few of the many types of cores made in the core room

This month, before we take you on a visit to the Core Room, it might be advisable to answer the inevitable question, "What is a core?" Webster's dictionary defines a core as "the portion of a mold which shapes the interior of a hollow casting." In other words, if a cavity or hole is required in a casting, a core is made and placed in the mold so that the molten iron when it is poured into the mold, will fill the space only around the core. Then, when the core is withdrawn, a cavity of the exact shape and size of the core appears in the casting. This process eliminates drilling a hole or machining a hollow section or cavity in the casting.

Of what is a core made? It is a mixture of sand, oil, and water, molded and baked into a solid of a desired shape and size. Each week our Core Room uses 80 tons of sand which is mixed with 280 gallons of oil and made into 185,000 cores. This means that each of our 31 coremakers handles more than two and one half tons of sand every week.

Great care must be exercised at each of the various steps in core making. The coremaker must understand sand mixtures and must be able to judge whether or not the mixture is correctly blended. Approximately 60 pounds of sand is mixed with each pound of oil. If the proportions are wrong, the resulting cores are poor and cannot be used because they will not withstand the pressure of the molten iron when it is poured into the mold. In the center of certain types of cores, metal rods must be placed to prevent the cores from breaking and from floating to the top of the mold when the hot iron is poured. It is important that the coremaker know what size rod to use in such cores.

Baking the cores is another important operation in the process of core making. Huge thermostatically controlled ovens are kept at the uniform heat required for the various sizes of cores. If the temperature of the oven is not constant, the cores are likely to crack, break, or crumble when the iron is poured into the mold. The larger cores are usually baked overnight at approximately 350° F.

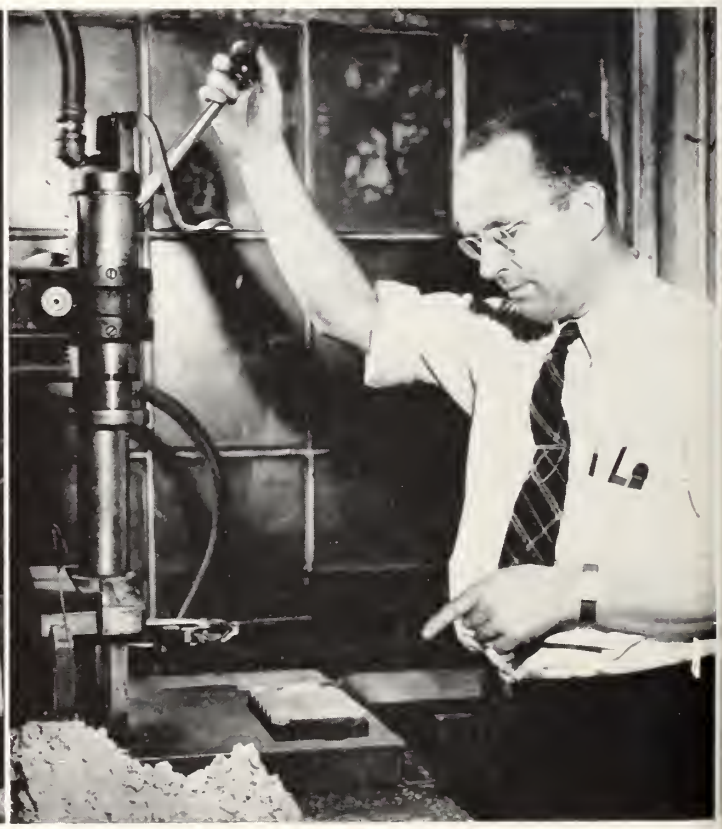


Bob Drohan and Bill Deane are two of our senior employees. Each has worked for Whitin for more than fifty years. Bob is shown holding half a core box with which, when complete with the cover, he makes cores for Pickers. On the right is Jeremiah Haggerty, core paster. He has worked in the Foundry and Core Room for more than sixty-four years. This is truly a remarkable record. He is surpassed in seniority by only three Whitin men who also are still on the active list

Smaller cores are baked at about 440° for an hour and a half.

The Core Department has more than tripled its size since the days of the first foreman, Charles Z. Batchelor. Gerrit Ebbeling, the present foreman, who has worked in this department for 28 years, recalls that when he first came to the Core Room only 28 men were employed there. Today there are 81 men and women engaged in core making. This large staff, of course, has greatly increased production. In 1922, the average day's work resulted in 13,960 cores. At the present time the Core Room produces approximately 37,000 cores per day.

Many of the men employed in the Core Room deserve special commendation for their many years' service with Whitin. Jeremiah Haggerty has the enviable record of having worked in the Foundry and Core Room for 64 years, and William Deane and Robert Drohan have 50 years to their respective credit. The following faithful employees have been with the Whitin Machine Works for at least 20 years: Joseph Baillargeon, 44 years; Kaspar Hagopian, 39 years; Martin O'Day, 39 years; John Martin, 39 years; Garabed Bedrosian, 36 years; Martin Sharkey, 33 years; Louis Pieleski, 32 years; Abraham Ovian, 32 years; Newell S. Oliver, Sr., 32 years; Gerrit Ebbeling, 28 years; Stephan Ezegolian, 27 years; Byron Mamoth, 27 years; Armede Ledoux, 25 years; William Riedle, 24 years; Zeigi Buczneski, 20 years. The Core Room has recently lost one of its faithful old employees, Francis Mateer, who attained the venerable age of 79 years. This article would be incomplete without acknowledgment of his 35 years of service.



Louis Bilodeau, one of the operators of the huge sand mixer, throws the lever that starts the flow of ready-mixed sand. Rene Pelletier on hand with his wheelbarrow, distributes the sand to the coremakers. On the right, Gerrit Ebbeling, Core Room foreman, points to a group of six cores made at one time in a matter of seconds on the bench core blower

Peace on Earth

Amidst wars and rumors of war, men of good will at this Christmastide will lift up their hearts and sing the song of the bright angels when Jesus was born in Bethlehem:

"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace—!"

To those who "have seen the salvation of our God," all selfishness, hatred, clamor and strife in this world is no more than "the burning of a little straw which may" for a time "hide the stars of the sky—." Yet, in spirit, they rise above the acrid smoke of our "straw" fires and breathe the life-giving air of God's love. Especially at Christmas, they surmount the tumult of the blazing camps and view in serene bliss the everlasting Day-Star from on high, our blessed Redeemer.

Through His lowly incarnation, Jesus has become Immanuel, God-with-us, our brother. He has drawn near to us so that He might carry the full burden of our imperfections and make us acceptable to God. Through Him our souls are even now at peace with God. And when our last days shall come, we, who have held the Infant Jesus to our hearts, shall be able to sing with aged Simeon:

"Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word:
"For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation."

Therefore, let us hail the Prince of Peace and rejoice in His birth! While the distant friend worships in a foreign fane, while the mariner sings his praises during lonely vigils in the immensities of sky and sea, while kings and peasants kneel before the Child of Bethlehem, let us also "be glad before the face of the Lord because He hath come," and sing joyfully to God.

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Christmas Music in Our Churches

Christian Reformed Church

DECEMBER 25, 1948—7.00 P.M.

"There's a Song in the Air" . . . . . .
"Silent Night" . . . . . Traditional

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT CHORUS

"Come, All Ye Faithful" . . . . . .
"The Christmas Song" . . . . . Chorus of mixed voices
Piano Duet by Marie Wassnaar and Harriet Dykstra

Methodist Church

SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 19, 1948—10.45

Prelude—Prelude on Two Old French Noels . . . *Bal Bastre*
(ARRANGED BY DICKINSON)
Anthem—"Rise Up Early" . . . . . *Kountz*
JUNIOR AND SENIOR CHOIRS
Anthem—"To Shepherds Fast Asleep" . . . . . *Davis*
SENIOR CHOIR
Response—"Beside Thy Cradle" . . . . . *Bach*
Offertory—"Christmas Lullaby" . . . . . *Voris*
Postlude—"Grand Choeur in 'D' " . . . . . *Guilmant*

SUNDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 19, 1948—7.30

Pageant—"The Christmas Rose," directed by Harold Libby

St. Patrick's Catholic Church

MIDNIGHT MASS—DECEMBER 24—12.00 M.

The Mass of the Guardian Angels will be sung by the full Senior Choir. Soloists will be Miss Virginia Kelleher, Robert Barry, and Donald Gonynor. Mrs. George Gleason is the organist and director. The Sanctuary Choir, with William Jackson as soloist, will assist by singing the responses and the Offertory.

Village Congregational Church

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1948—10.45 A.M.

Mr. Rolland Tapley, first violinist of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, will assist the Chorus and Quartet on Christmas morning. Mr. Tapley's numbers are as follows:

"Andante" from *Concerto in E Minor* . . . . . *Mendelssohn*
"Song of Vermland" . . . . . *Sanby*
"Canto Amoroso" . . . . . *Sammartini*
"Souvenir" . . . . . *Drdla*
"Badinage" . . . . . *Winterintz*

The Chorus will sing:

"There's a Song in the Air" . . . . . *Stults*
"Ring Out, Wild Bells" . . . . . *Stults*
"Christmas Morn" . . . . . *Gaines*
(VIOLIN OBLIGATO)
"O Holy Night" . . . . . *Adam*
(QUARTET)

Trinity Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19—7.30 P.M.

Christmas Pageant—"Why the Chimes Rang"
By Elizabeth Apthorp McFadden

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24—11.30 P.M.
Christmas Eve Service

Organ Prelude
Processional Hymn, No. 72 . . . . . Adeste Fideles
"O Come, All Ye Faithful"
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Threefold Kyrie, 677 . . . . . *Thomas Tallis*
Collect and Epistle . . . . . Page 98
Hymn No. 71 (Tune of No. 79) . . . . . Carol
"While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night"
The Christmas Gospel . . . . . Pages 98–99
Gloria Tibi, 684 . . . . . *George M. Garrett*
Nicene Creed . . . . . Page 71
Sermon Hymn, No. 549 . . . . . In Dulci Jubilo
"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"
Sermon
Offertory Anthem—"There Were Shepherds" . . *Charles Vincent*
Presentation, 688 . . . . . *Beethoven*
Sanctus, 692 . . . . . *A. S. Cooper*
Communion Carol, 78—"O Little Town of Bethlehem" . *St. Louis*
The Communion
Gloria in Excelsis, 699 . . . . . Old Scottish Chant
Closing Prayers and Benediction
Amen, 703 (sevenfold) . . . . . *Stainer*
Nunc Dimittis, 632 . . . . . *Barnby*
Recessional Hymn, No. 80 . . . . . Regent Square
"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"
Hymn, No. 546 (sung by the Choir) . . . . . Holy Night
"Silent Night, Holy Night"
Organ Postlude

United Presbyterian Church

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1948—10.30 A.M.

Prelude—Variations on Old Polish Carol . . . . . *Guilmant*
Anthems by Choir
"When the Sun Had Sunk to Rest" . . Traditional (arr. *Knight*)
"Sleep, Little Dove" . . . . . Traditional *French Carol*
Postlude—"Christ the King" . . . . . *Hokans*

7.00 P.M.

Prelude—"In Thee Is Joy" . . . . . *Bach*
Anthems by Choir
"Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light" . . . . . *Bach*
"Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming" . . . . . *Praetorius*
"The Stork" . . . . . *McK. Williams*
"Listen, Lordlings, Unto Me" . . 16th Century French Carol
"Is This the Way to Bethlehem" . *Italian Folksong* (arr. *Dickinson*)
"The Holly and the Ivy" . . . Traditional (arr. *Boughton*)

Safety — THE "MAIN COURSE" AT SAFETY BANQUET

More than 200 men and women associated directly with the new safety program in the Plant attended the annual Safety Banquet in the Cafeteria on November 18. A Safety Banquet is given annually to acquaint all the foremen and their assistants with the progress during the year in making our Plant a safer place in which to work, and to outline plans for future Safety endeavors.

After a delicious turkey dinner, the group was invited to hear reports concerning the new safety organization which has been established in the Plant, and to become better acquainted with its work. Mr. J. C. Rankine, Chairman of the Safety Committee, spoke briefly about the methods now being used in the Shop to encourage safe practices. The foreman of each department in the Shop has been appointed a safety warden, and the departmental assistant foreman has been made a deputy warden. In the larger departments, also one or more supervisors have been appointed deputy wardens. The warden and deputy wardens in each department are charged with the same general duties to promote safe practices in the Shop. They must make sure that guards and safety devices are maintained and used, that tools are in good condition and are properly handled, that horseplay is discouraged, that all unsafe practices are abandoned by employees, and that all unsafe conditions are promptly corrected. Where work conditions require the wearing of goggles, gloves, or special protective clothing, it is the duty of the wardens and deputy wardens to insist on the use of such protective garments or articles. Where machines are inadequately guarded, where poor housekeeping exists, and where hazardous working conditions occur, the warden and his deputies must be prompt in obtaining remedial action.

These safety leaders are required also to maintain complete reports and records of accidents which happen on their jobs. By frequent checking of their files, they are able to determine which accidents happen most frequently and they are able to concentrate their efforts on prevention of the more common occurrences. Quite naturally, they make frequent inspections of their departments and are alert in noting every condition which is a potential hazard to the safety of the worker. Their insist-

A magician concluded the evening program with feats of magic that mystified his audience. His attractive assistant is Lorraine Breault of the Bolster Job

Leon Rondeau, E. Kent Swift, Arthur Shenton, and Simeon Gravel

F. H. Frisiello, James Sheldon, and Burton Robie

Mr. Fletcher Taft

Mr. J. C. Rankine

Mr. Walter Montgomery

ence on prompt corrective action has resulted in many improvements in work conditions and in methods of operation.

A committee of nine persons heads the safety organization. This Safety Committee meets once a month to discuss accidents which have occurred, to review the circumstances which caused them, and to take all necessary steps to avoid reoccurrences of such accidents. The United Steelworkers of America and other employee representatives as well as foremen are invited to attend the monthly meetings of the Committee.

Mr. Rankine was followed by Mr. E. Kent Swift, who called attention to the great strides made in safety programs since 1900 when he first came to Whitin. Mr. J. Hugh Bolton, our president, then acquainted the meeting with some interesting facts concerning our "cold war" with Russia and its implications in the future operations of the Company. Mr. Erik O. Pierson, works manager, held up the enviable safety records of other companies as a goal which we at Whitin can and must achieve. Following Mr. Pierson, Mr. Walter Montgomery, safety director of Kenneth B. S. Robertson Ltd., insurance adjusters and safety consultants, told of the marvelous safety achievements in the mining industry and pleaded with all present to work hard in preventing the awful toll of life and limb and the heartbreaking tragedies which result from carelessness, heedlessness, chance-taking and improper handling of a job. Mr. Melvin McCully of the Paige Foundation praised the Company's safety organization for the progress made in improving the Company's safety record, but called for unflagging zeal in promoting safe working conditions until not a single lost-time accident will mar our record from one Safety Banquet to the next.

In a lighter vein, Mr. Fletcher W. Taft, resident manager of Harvardevens Village (Harvard University, Fort Devens), spoke about "cabbages and kings" and entertained his audience with many amusing anecdotes. He, nevertheless, lent his voice to the cause of safety.

All who attended the meeting left with the firm and cheerful resolve to help make Whitin's not only a safer place, but an *absolutely safe place* in which to work.

Left to right: James Spence, Dick Williams, Newell Wallace, Francis Veau, Joseph Pendergast, and Theodore Farrand

Left to right: Elizabeth Nichols, Edith Chabot, Catherine Hutcheson, Anna Wood, and Jennie Scott

Suggestion Awards Granted in November, 1948

Howard Anderson has every reason to look happy. This month he received two suggestion awards. His two practical suggestions of an improved leg on the return air condenser and a new type ventilator on the picking machine resulted in a yearly saving of $777

Above, Herman Zylstra suggested weight rods on Combers be made from cold roll steel rather than a forging. This idea of using a steel rod with a welded top, as shown between thumb and forefinger, eliminated complex machining operations. The annual saving will amount to $1,030

November Winners

Dept.	*Name*	*Suggestion No.*	*Amount of Award*
424	Herman Zylstra	47–719	$260.00
462	Howard K. Anderson	47–352	145.00
404	David Longmuir	48–290	60.00
462	Howard K. Anderson	47–733	50.00
411	Clarence Beauregard	48–151	25.00
411	Leon Atteridge		
411	Leonidas Pratt	48–295	10.00
441	Leslie A. Ricker	48–308	10.00
414	Robert Landry	48–348	10.00
414	James Capaldo . . .		

Applicants for apprentice training take batteries of aptitude tests

During World War II our former Apprentice School was disbanded when the apprentices were called into the service of our country. After an interval of several years, apprentice training has been revived in the Whitin Machine Works and a new apprentice program, approved by the Division of Apprentice Training, Massachusetts Department of Labor and Industries, was inaugurated on October 18, 1948.

The courses of training have been designed to train and qualify apprentices as skilled journeymen in given trades. The apprentices will be supervised on the job by foremen and experienced journeymen and will be moved from one work process to another in accordance with a predetermined schedule for each trade. Their training will be supplemented by related classroom instruction under the supervision of Mr. Luke L. Lomartire, the director of apprentices, who will teach the apprentices also shop practice in order to broaden their concepts and to spur their ambitions in their chosen trades.

The apprentices have been selected from applicants on merit, determined by batteries of aptitude tests which were given, supervised and ranked or graded by Hunt and Gilson, Consultants, of Worcester, Massachusetts. Twenty-one of the selected apprentices are already in training in the following trades:

2—Draftsmen
2—Metal Pattern Makers
4—Wood Pattern Makers
3—Molders
2—Spinning—Outside Erectors
2—Roving—Outside Erectors
2—Comber & Knitting—Outside Erectors
2—Cards—Outside Erectors
2—Pickers—Outside Erectors

Mr. Martin F. Salmon, field representative of the Apprentice Training Service, U. S. Department of Labor, assisted in the development of the apprentice program.

Apprentices attend a class in blueprint reading

Who's got the ball?

Marilyn Brouwer and Nancy Houghton blow while Cynthia Webster, winner of the Girls' Balloon Race, enters the water

William Brosnahan, Number 5, jumps for the rebound. John Kennedy waits for a chance to get in the play

Silver Anniversary Events

During the week of November 29 to December 4 the Whitin Community Association conducted special programs to commemorate the twenty-fifth year since its founding. Judging by the number of people who came each night to witness the various events, there was no lack of interest in the celebration among our townspeople.

The week's activities began on Monday evening with three basketball games in which the six teams, entered in the 1948–49 Community League, took part. Tuesday evening found about 50 youngsters from 8 to 16 years of age competing in an all-local swimming meet. Twelve events were held and the first three swimmers to place in each event were awarded appropriately engraved anniversary medals. Wednesday evening Johnny Witek's orchestra provided the music for a public dance.

Thursday and Friday nights a variety show, "The Roaring Twenties," was presented under the direction of Gene Kennedy of the Export Sales Department. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Scott highlighted the program with several duets and an eye-filling Spring Dance.

The Springfield College Gymnastic Team provided the final entertainment on Saturday. They gave a matinee show for children and a three-hour performance at night for adults. The huge crowd received the Gymnastic show with great enthusiasm and stayed to perform some gyrations of their own—on the dance floor to Johnny Romasco's music.

Part of the crowd at the Anniversary Dance at the Gym on Wednesday night

The "Charleston" was never danced as well. Left to right: Vi Romasco, Betty McCudden, Harry Brown, Jr., and Connie Wood

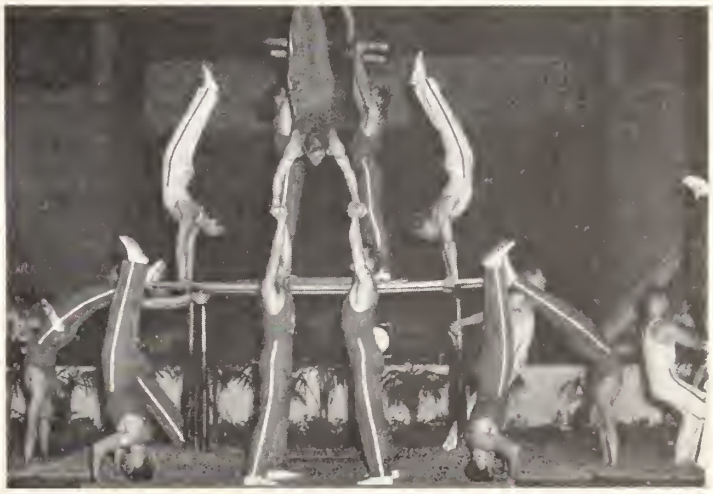
Swimming race for high school boys. Left to right: Stanley Cousins, winner; Donald Corron, second; Allan Jongsma, third

Pat McCudden goes "Roamin' in the Gloamin'" as Harry Lauder

The cast of the musical review, "The Roaring Twenties," poses for its picture

Springfield College Gymnastic Team performing their Human Tiger leaping event

Vic Romasco, Bob Webster, Lem Lemoine and Johnny Romasco as four hard-working college boys in "Collegiate"



Springfield College Gymnastic Team pyramids on the parallel bars at the Saturday entertainment

After bearing has expanded it is fitted onto the stud before it cools

At left: Bearing passing under Infra-Red Heating

Infra-Red Heating for Sweating Ball Bearings to Studs

For many years ball bearings were shrunk onto studs by immersing them into a vat of hot oil to expand the bearings a few thousandths and then applying them to the studs. Cooling causes contraction and a firm, solid fit is assured. However, while the purpose of seating the bearing on the stud firmly was successful, dirt sometimes got into the bearing and danger of melting the special bearing lubricant was present.

Cleanliness and complete control of the heating operation was accomplished by devising an infra-red heating unit. This machine was developed and constructed in the shop. It consists of a double six-bank row of infra-red lights, once used in baking paint onto magneto housings and covers during the war, a conveyor chain is made from our standard Flat Card chain and the right angle drive unit is taken from our Dresser Reel. The only units not utilized from shop sources are the centralizing vise and the variable speed unit. A heat of 250° Fahrenheit has been determined to be the proper temperature and is regulated by an automatic thermostat.

This equipment insures a mill receiving clean bearings with the original special bearing lubricant unaffected, an important factor in longer, trouble-free service on textile machinery equipped with ball bearings.

One of the Halloween parades as it started from the Clark School grounds

Costume prize winners. Left to right: Marcia Putnam, most appropriate; Nancy Cleary, most horrible; Daniel Griffith, funniest

Halloween 1948 Style

Halloween received a rousing reception in the Gym, as can be seen by the pictures on this page. There were two parades, with music by the High School Band and the Boy Scout Drum Corps. Upon arriving at the Gym, the crowd was entertained by a few vaudeville acts followed by a number of cartoon movies. Topping the evening off was ice cream for everyone. The following organizations helped sponsor the celebration: Northbridge Police Association, Whitinsville Grange, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Whitinsville Women's Club, Whitin Community Association, American-Armenian Association, and the Kiwanis Club.

Old Man Mose and Chloe? Not quite. A good imitation by Joe Scott and Mrs. Scott amused and delighted the children at the Gym Halloween Party

A partial view of the hundreds of children and adults who attended the Gym party

Splitting

Bowling is one of the favorit indoor sports of Whitin peo ple. During the fall an winter, scores of bowlers rep resenting various teams, visi

Card Job—Front row, left to right: Cornelius Visbeck, Richard Sanderson, Jr. Back row: Ernest Bonoyer, John Sotek, and Fred Siepietowski

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Spindle Job—Front row, left to right: Ben Mezynski, Albert Kershaw, Jr., Harold Mathewson. Back row: Paul Blaine, Gerard Gervais, and Ziggy Mezynski

Office—Front row, left to right: Bob English, Angu Parker, Norm Spratt. Back row: Herb Park and Ke Benner

Maples

he alleys at least once a eek for an hour of recrea- ion. Shown on these pages re the six teams represent- ng this year's Shop League.

Newkie Wallace takes over the league leading with an average of 103.8. Newkie is also captain of the leading Annealing Room team

STANDINGS

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Won	Lost	Pinfall
30	14	17264
29	15	17331
28	16	17294
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10	34	16768
10	34	16161

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Roll Job—Front row, left to right: James Peck, Arthur Baillargeon, Cesag Onanian. Back row: Bernard Gervais and Bror Swanson

rew Job—Front row, left to right: Fred Cowburn, om Queenan. Back row: Reggie Bratt, Sidney Frieswyck, and Eino Johnson

Annealing Room—Front row, left to right: Newell Wallace, Maurice Morin. Back row: Clarence Bisson, Henry Crawford, and Joseph Bisson

Anderson Awarded Croix de Guerre

Charles F. Anderson of the Production Department has the honor of being the possessor of the Croix de Guerre 1940 Avec Palme, awarded by the Belgian Government.

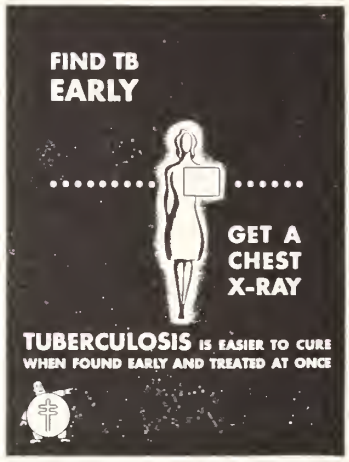
Charley was awarded the medal for activity in which he was engaged in the period from January 1, 1945 to April 15, 1945.

An extract from the original recommendation, dated May 10, 1945, reads as follows:

"Sergeant Anderson has been of the greatest value to the Intelligence Section through his exceptionally loyal and accurate work as non-commissioned officer in the operations at Tactical Headquarters. . . . An extremely heavy burden was placed upon Sergeant Anderson which he discharged with exceptional efficiency. . . . Sergeant Anderson measured up to an extremely high standard in the performance of duty. It is believed that he richly merits the award of the Croix de Guerre. . . ."

The former sergeant, who has gained a total of seven ribbons and awards, received the medal and diploma on September 8, 1948.

FREE CHEST X-RAY SERVICE



The beginning of the year is a good time to take inventory. We wish to urge our employees to check up also on their health by taking advantage of the X-ray service offered by the Southern Worcester County Health Association and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

From January 17, 1949, up to February 2, 1949, the foregoing agencies will set up an X-ray unit in our plant, and each employee will have an opportunity to have a chest X-ray *free of charge*.

The following questions and answers will tell you some of the things you will want to know about the program:

1. Q. *What is a Chest X-ray?*

   A. A Chest X-ray is a picture of the inside of your chest.

2. Q. *What equipment is used?*

   A. A stationary X-ray unit will be set up in the Whitin Gymnasium by the Southern Worcester County Health Association and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

3. Q. *Who operates the unit?*

   A. Technicians and nurses.

4. Q. *How will I know when and where to go for my X-ray?*

   A. Someone in your department will notify you. You will be X-rayed during working hours.

5. Q. *Do I have to undress?*

   A. No. Only ornaments and metal objects must be removed from outer clothing.

6. Q. *How long does it take to be X-rayed?*

   A. The X-ray itself takes about one minute. Additional time, of course, is required to go from your machine, bench or desk, to the Whitin Gymnasium and to return to your work station.

7. Q. *Does it hurt?*

   A. No. The picture is taken while you hold your breath for a second.

8. Q. *Who reads the X-rays?*

   A. Doctors of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

9. Q. *How soon will I have a report of my X-ray?*

   A. In about four weeks. Each employee will receive a report mailed to his home. You may also name your physician in your application and request that your doctor also receive a report.

10. Q. *Who will make out my application?*

    A. Someone in your department will get in touch with you and will make out your application for you.

11. Q. *Does the Company receive a report of my X-ray?*

    A. No, the Company does *not* receive a report of anyone's X-ray.

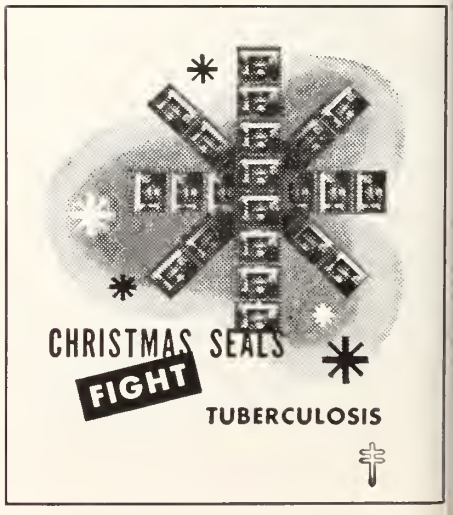
12. Q. *If I am on the second or third shift, must I come in during the day?*

    A. No. X-rays will be taken during working hours on all shifts.

13. Q. *Have employees at other plants had such X-rays taken?*

    A. The workers in most of the plants in Massachusetts have already been X-rayed. More than 600,000 workers in Massachusetts have taken advantage of this free service.

Should you have any other questions not included in the above quiz, Mr. Robert R. Wood in the Personnel Department will be glad to supply the answers.



The A-B-C's of Christmas

Compiled by Frank N. Stone

ANNO DOMINI—In the year of the Lord. With this phrase the whole world counts its years from the Birth of our Saviour.

BONIFACE, English missionary to Germany in the eighth century, replaced the sacred oak, used in the service of Odin, with a fir tree adorned in tribute to the Christ Child. Luther introduced the custom of lighting the tree with candles. Prince Albert introduced this custom into England shortly after he married Queen Victoria, and German immigrants brought the custom to America.

CHRISTMAS, the Mass of Christ, has from earliest times been celebrated in the Western Church on December 25. Before the conversion of Britain, December 25 was celebrated there as the New Year and was called "modranecht."

DINNERS, elaborate feasts and merrymaking have for centuries characterized the celebration of Christmas. The picture of the Christmas feast being brought into an English hall by a procession of minstrels and servants, headed by the chief cook, is preserved for us in the "Caroll of Bryngyng in the Bore's Heed."

EPIPHANY, a great festival observed in the Church from earliest times on January 6, celebrated the baptism or "second birthday" of our Lord. In Teutonic countries Epiphany has been identified with the festival of the three kings or Magi.

FRANCIS OF ASSISI brought Christmas to the people and encouraged the writing and singing of carols. From Italy, the singing of carols spread to France and Germany and, later to England. St. Francis of Assisi is also responsible for the crèche or crib which, as a realistic, miniature tableau of the Nativity, is becoming increasingly popular in America. The first crèche was erected in an Italian Church in A.D. 1224.

GREGORY I laid the basis for the blending of many pagan practices of the winter solstice with Christian teachings and traditions. Pope Gregory counselled his missionaries in A.D. 601: "Let the shrines of idols by no means be destroyed but let the idols which are in them be destroyed—let altars be erected so that the people,—may displace error and recognize and adore the true God. . . . And because they were wont to sacrifice oxen to devils, some celebration should be given in exchange for this . . . they should celebrate a religious feast and worship God by their feasting, so that still keeping outward pleasures, they more readily receive spiritual joys."

HOLLY and IVY—Holly and ivy and bay were used by pagan Saxons in connection with their winter solstice ceremonies. Mistletoe was gathered by the ancient Druids and was ceremoniously hung in their homes as representative of love and peace. These customs later became identified with Christmas and in England holly and ivy decked the great halls of feudal lords as well as the cottages of their tenants at Christmas. In the present popular fancy, holly represents the master of the house, and ivy represents the mistress. Mistletoe, identified by earlier Christians with the "kiss of peace," is now associated with the custom of "stealing a kiss."

JEST 'Fore Christmas" by Eugene Field describes the phenomenally good behavior of little boys—before Christmas:

"'Most all the time, the whole year round, there ain't no flies on me,
But jest 'fore Christmas I'm as good as I kin be!"

KRIS KRINGLE, Father Christmas, Papa Noel, La Befana and Yule Tomten are some of the names by which Santa Claus is known. "Santa Claus" is a contraction of Saint Nicholas whose feast on December 6 is celebrated as a children's festival in Holland. St. Nicholas was born in the third century and became a distinguished bishop in Myra, in Asia Minor. Since he was famed for making unexpected gifts, he became associated with the giving of presents at the end of the year. In the Netherlands the children, on St. Nicholas Eve, fill their wooden shoes with hay for the saint's white horse, and "he" leaves toys and sweets for the children. Children in most other lands must remain on their good behavior until Christmas, while those in France and Scotland must wait until New Year's day for their presents, and in Italy gifts are not distributed until Epiphany.

LIGHTS are an essential part of the Christmas celebration. In pagan times the central idea of the winter solstice—the lengthening day and the return of light—was celebrated by the lighting of fires. This custom took on new significance with the advent of Christianity when lights celebrated the birth of Christ, the Light of the world.

MUSIC is inseparable from the celebration of Christmas. With the beautiful chants of the Midnight Mass, with magnificent and noble oratorios, with songs of praise, jubilant anthems and glad carols, with stately hymns and cradle songs, the world pours out its homage to the Saviour who, for us, forsook Heaven's glory to become a Babe in a manger.

NOEL is the French term for Christmas. The French word is derived from the Latin, *natalis* referring to a birthday. The crèche is found not only in French churches but also in French homes. After attending Midnight Mass, the French family is served an elaborate Christmas supper. Gifts are not exchanged until New Year's Day. However, during the Christmas season there are many family reunions and parties.

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Whitin Erector Plays World's Checker Champ

This article, originally printed in the Terre Haute, Ind., Tribune-Star, *should be of interest to the checker fans in the shop. Bob Wentworth, mentioned in the article, is one of the Whitin men who are erecting new woolen card sets at the federal prison at Terre Haute.*

"Newell W. Banks, world's checker champion, gave a convincing demonstration of his ability before chess and checker enthusiasts in this area last night at the Y.M.C.A., which sponsored his appearance.

"Banks played 21 players at checkers, five at chess and four at blindfold checkers. In the regular mass checker matches, he had 20 wins and one draw. Three victories and one draw resulted in the blindfold checkers, while he had three wins and two losses in the chess encounters.

"E. E. Stahly of the Commercial Solvents plant and Robert Zimmerman, a resident at the 'Y,' gained decisions over the champ in chess. Robert Wentworth, an employee of the federal prison, was the only man able to hold him to a draw in checkers, while Clyde A. Barnett of Brazil also gained a draw in the blindfold checkers."

The replacement of the water main from Overlook Street to Linwood Avenue has created much interest among the local residents. Earl Thurber and Joseph Duhamel are shown looking over a piece of pipe believed to have been in service for at least 50 years

Whitin Personalities

We used to visualize a typical vice-president as a pompous man with a superior look in his eye, a condescending note in his voice, and a large picture of himself hanging over his inlaid mahogany desk. If you'd like to see what we had pictured—don't go to Harry Moss. He doesn't even *own* a picture of himself. Harry, who in 1947 was made vice-president in charge of Wool, Worsted, Winding and Knitting, is a friendly, coöperative man who is considered by all who know him as "just a regular guy."

Harry was born in Whitinsville on July 4, 1900. He went through the Northbridge schools and started to work for Whitin when he was very young. After working for three years in various departments in the shop, he was made a travelling erector. He worked in this capacity for about ten years and was then promoted to the position of serviceman for Woolen Machinery. In 1946 he was made manager of the Wool and Worsted Division. Finally, in 1947, he was elected a vice-president.

Harry is a busy man. His hobbies, golf and gardening, are necessarily summertime interests. "I don't have much spare time in the winter," he told us. We doubt whether Harry ever has much spare time—to obtain our interview with him, we had to join a "parade" of people waiting in line to see him.

Harry's history in the Whitin Machine Works is an inspiration to everyone who brings to his job the qualities which distinguish Harry and who devotes the time and energy necessary to prepare for the job ahead.

KEEPING UP WITH THE NEWS

COMBER JOB

by Hector Chase

Harry Cowburn has returned from Hahnemann Hospital in Worcester after a three weeks' illness. Departments 424 and 445 hope your troubles are over, Harry.

Department 424 extends a warm welcome to our new assistant foreman, Robert H. Hopkins, who comes to us from the Gear Job. We wish you lots of luck in your new position, Bob.

SPINNING FLOOR

by Francis Horan

The first of the overseas visitors to arrive home were Jim and Mrs. Scott. They came back on the "Queen Mary" which docked in New York, November 13. They went sightseeing and visited friends and relatives and reported a wonderful trip. . . . Turnabout is fair play. Mr. and Mrs. William Crossland received word from Mrs. Crossland's sister, Miss Florence Hargrave of Oldham, Lancashire, England, that she will be their guest for a few weeks. This will be the sisters' first reunion in 28 years.

Ken Gauthier was the lucky ticket holder on the Thanksgiving turkey donated by the Machine Division Benefit Club.

Louis Whitten, one of our older bowlers, smacked the maples for a lustrous 127 to take over the high single string record in the bowling league. The teams have been reorganized and we look for some good bowling in the future.

We were glad to see Joe Bassett back to work after his seige of illness. Joe was remembered by his fellow workers who sent him a lovely basket of fruit. . . . George Ferguson is still convalescing. He has been out of work for quite a while with a sore foot. The benefit club on the Machine Division sent some smokes to help while away the time.

There haven't been any reports of hurricanes in this vicinity lately, so the only explanation of that high wind on Linwood Avenue the other day was Bob Wilson going by in his new Oldsmobile.

Bill LeClair was elected as a delegate to the C.I.O. State Convention held in the Hotel Statler, Boston, December 10, 11, and 12. . . . Roy Crumbholtz was appointed chairman of the Entertainment Committee at a meeting of the C.I.O. on November 17. Roy has announced that a Christmas party will be held in Memorial Hall for the children of Whitinsville and vicinity on Wednesday, December 22. Santa Claus will distribute presents and refreshments. Assisting Roy on the committee are Marie Krumbholtz, Elsie Peck, Toni Onarato, Walter and Louise Ooligvian, Edward Roukema, John Deschene, Al Dion, and John Wilson.

This columnist wishes to take this opportunity to wish all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

ROLL JOB

by Fritz O'Connell

Lucy Ross, our time clerk, has been absent from work for the past month. We hope you will be with us soon, Lucy. . . . Andy Buwalda was operated on at St. Vincent Hospital recently. He has been out of work for a month and it will be several weeks more before he will be able to return to the Job. . . . Victor Couteau was in the Milford Hospital for an operation recently. We all wish Victor a speedy recovery.

Stanley Novack has returned to work after a week's hunting trip in northern Maine. He bagged a red fox. Stanley claims lack of snow for his poor showing with deer. It was too dry to track them down. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Jellesma left Friday, November 26, for Tampa, Fla., on a three months' leave of absence. . . . Cecil Baker, Taeke Baker, and Ernest Baxendale attended the Eastern Grain Association Banquet at Odd Fellows Hall, November 8. They are all home farmers from the Fairlawn section of Whitinsville.

New men recently transferred to the Roll Job are: John Stratton, William Bell, Gerard Boucher, Conrad Loiselle, George Beauchemin, Arthur Gerardin, Walter Maurice, Eugene Kline, Ernest Robillard, Roland Benoit, and Norman Fregean. We all welcome you and hope you will be happy on your new jobs.

Harry Crouthers, retired, paid us a visit Monday, November 15. He looks in perfect health.

MILLING JOB

by Joe Roche

The Thanksgiving season brought to mind a story that Pete Scott told. We've heard lots of fish stories, but this is the first one that involves a turkey. Some of the boys on the Job were talking about how big their Thanksgiving turkeys were going to be. Pete was heard to remark that the one he had last year was so big that when his wife laid it on the kitchen table the head was touching the floor. That was no turkey, Pete, that was an ostrich!

They have a walking drugstore in Department 418 in the person of Don "Tiny" Crosby. Don is reputed to carry pills for any disease known to mankind. If he takes them himself they seem to be doing him no harm. Don weighs about 240 pounds.

Bob Bachand has returned to work after a leave of absence due to a major operation. . . . Pete Pellerin of Department 418 got himself a deer on a recent hunting trip to Canada. Nice going, Pete. . . . Tommy Roche of Department 416 got his questionnaire from the draft board and says if he passes the physical he's going to try out for the cavalry. Pete Nash and "Happy" Donavan, our horse experts, are training him.

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O TANNENBAUM ("O Christmas Tree") and *Stille Nacht* ("Silent Night") are two carols traditionally sung around the Christmas tree in German homes prior to the distribution of the presents. In Germany, Christmas is a home festival and the Christmas tree is the center of the family observance. Our beautifully lighted Christmas trees derive from this German custom. Church services are held at midnight or in the early morning and, as in other countries, beautiful music is an important part of each service.

Believe it or not. In four years of constant use, Henry Gagne, roll coupler on the Roll Job, has practically worn through the hickory handle of this hammer

PRESEPIO, the miniature representation of the Nativity, rather than the Christmas tree, is the holiday symbol in Italian homes. Around the *Presepio* the Christmas candles are lighted. Flowers instead of evergreens are used for decorations. In Italy, where the carol originated, one would expect to hear Christmas music throughout the holiday season. Although there are home ceremonies and special foods for Christmas, the holiday is sacred and observed as such. The giving of gifts is reserved until Epiphany.

Keeping Up with the News

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COTTON MILL

by Louise Sohigian

A group of friends held a surprise birthday party for Mickey Deane at the Riverside recently. A good time was had by all. We didn't know which was redder—the candles on the cake or Mickey's face!

We hear that Jim Jacques brushes his teeth only at night now. The other morning before he came to work he brushed his teeth with shaving cream instead of toothpaste. Why don't you try DUZ, Jim? "DUZ does everything."

Lillian Roberts, Theresa Benoit, Mary Conway, and Jerry D'Alfonso celebrated their birthdays in the month of November. We hope they have many more of them.

Anyone seen a stray trailer? If so, it probably belongs to Leo LeHamme. He keeps losing the trailer to his jeep. Why don't you tie it on, Leo?

Someone ought to give Mary Minihan a compass. Mary, who had a date in Boston one night recently, journeyed in to Worcester, boarded the train and set off. It wasn't until the train reached Palmer that Mary realized that she was travelling in the wrong direction. The conductor stopped the train amidst great confusion, and Mary climbed out to wait a dismal two hours for the next eastbound train to Boston. "East is east and West is west, and never the twains shall meet," we say (with apologies to Rudyard Kipling). Incidentally, when she *did* arrive in Boston much later that night, Mary found that she was a week too early for her date. Let's make that a compass *and* a calendar!

ROVING

by Bill Wilson

Felix Youngsma of Crib Number 11 showed up the other day with his hands and arms a mass of wounds. According to Felix' version, he has a rooster that resents his going into the hen coop, and, this particular morning, gave vent to his feelings to such an extent that Felix had to fight him off. Felix admits that while he has never been "henpecked" this comes very close to it!

From Roving Small Parts, Jan Smith reports that Bill Lyman is strictly a home boy these days. A new television set is the attraction. . . . Mary Hughley is tickled pink with her new 1940 car. "It's better than all the new models," she says. . . . Mr. Blanding's Dream House is strictly small-time stuff compared to the house Laura Vermette is building. When's the housewarming, Laura? . . . The boys are looking forward to service with a smile from Rosario Lariviere, who is in charge of our new tool crib. Show those "ivories," Rosario! . . . Mary Burns presented her co-workers with a huge apple pie recently. Judging from their beaming smiles, the pie was as good and sweet as Mary looks herself. . . . Were there red faces the day after election when it turned out that our Australian war bride, Jan Smith, was the only one who had predicted a Democratic landslide! . . . Judging from the number of cigars Dave White consumes, we are sure his first chore in the morning is to check the birth notices and dash off to congratulate the delirious new pappys. . . . We're happy to extend a big "welcome" and "how do" to our new neighbors, the Roving Erectors.

GEAR JOB

by Ray Larochelle

We hear a lot of stories about how some of us have to rush to get to work, but here's a *good* one. Our rate-setter, John Bloem, stopped to pick up Jimmy Spratt one morning. He tooted his horn, and, no more than 20 seconds later, out came Jim—with his jacket in one hand and his shoes in the other. We hope John will drive up near the door this winter.

Our department lost a good man when Robert Hopkins left us to accept a promotion to assistant foreman on the Comber Job. Lots of luck from the department, Bob. . . . Rookie John Morin paid us a visit on the Job. Army life seems to be agreeing with him. . . . We understand that our boss has a hard time finding a parking place by "Moses" Barber Shop. Parking in the middle of the street is all right, but it *does* tie up the traffic, Pete.

We wonder how many of you know that one of the famous "Black Crows" of Auburn is no other than Ken Harrington. If you know of anyone looking for a good act, have him see Ken—his quartet is fine entertainment for any sort of a party. If you happen to see the "Crows" performing somewhere and can't tell which of the four is Ken, just watch the leader in the "Follow the Fly" routine. That's Ken.

The Benefit Club held their annual meeting at the Gym on November 4. Old and new business was discussed, and the following officers were elected: president, James Spratt; vice-president, Elvin Winchell; secretary, Mary Asadoorian; treasurer, Irene Kalviner.

CARDS AND CARPENTER SHOP

by Rita Deome

First of all, the employees of the Cards and Carpenter Shop take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Several employees of Departments 422 and 452 were presented service pins during the last month. The presentations of the Five- to 20-year pins were made by Mr. James Rankine and Mr. Robert Stewart. Pins were awarded to the following men: George Braman, 15 years; Arthur Laferrierre, 15 years; Adolph Michalik, 10 years; Henry Kelley, 10 years; George Dumas, 10 years; Albert Hockstra, 10 years; J. E. Jussaume, 10 years; Oscar Doble, five years; Abraham Twight, five years; Leo Leduc, five years; Stanley Dewicki, five years; Joseph Sampson, five years; Walter Pouliot, five years.

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In years past, it was traditional with many of our local Nimrods to spend Thanksgiving morning hunting the wily fox. The above hunters in an attempt to revive the tradition were rewarded for their efforts. Besides returning with a fox these sportsmen bagged two snowshoe rabbits. Left to right: Bill Britton, Bob Britton, and Bill Todd

Mrs. Judge, the former Sandra DeBoer of this town and daughter of John DeBoer of the Bolt Job, is shown receiving a $200 check, presented to her for winning radio station WFBL's Presidential Election Contest. Mrs. Judge, who is holding her young son, estimated 305 electoral votes for Mr. Truman, coming closest to the actual 304 which the President received. Sandra is with her husband in New York where he is attending Colgate University

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NICKEL PLATING AND PARKERIZING

by Edmund Leduc

Alvin Bowers, Henry Matte, Annie Bartlett, Clayton Thurber, and Rene Ethier were each presented with a Five-year service pin by William Lawson, foreman of Department 431.

Clifford Rivet, a great Holy Cross football fan, was quite "hurt" recently. While he was passing out matchbooks with "Holy Cross College" printed on the covers, some wit remarked that if the matches were anything like the team they wouldn't light. . . . Walter Makowski, who is studying to be a radio technician, does his homework in the Castle Hill parking area. He can usually be found there during the lunch hour—helping out the boys who are having troubles with their automobile radios.

We were all very happy to hear that Dosilva Beauchamp, supervisor of Department 431A, is recovering rapidly following two operations at Memorial Hospital, Worcester. We hope for a speedy recovery for Henry Matte, also of Department 431A.

RING JOB

by Everett A. Gaspar

Nearly every noontime there has been a touch-football game behind the Gym between Gene Berube's "All Stars" and "Chick" Dionne's "Wonder Boys." Sid Frieswyck and Arthur Flinton average two touchdowns per game.

Cecelia Fournier is a teacher in the fine art of knitting. Among her best pupils are Nancy Small and Theresa Morin. Yvonne Guevremont is the freshman of the class. More pupils may apply at the Ladies' Room between 12:45 and 1:00 every day.

A lesson can be learned from Ernie Glode who bet "Tut" Morin 50 cents on the Northbridge-Uxbridge football game. "Tut" paid off with one nickel and 45 pennies, well mixed and hardened in a tin can with shavings, sawdust and glue.

Marion Doble spent an exciting and tiring Armistice Day by climbing Mt. Monadnock with a group of young people from her church. . . . Alice Cahill and Grace Griffin spent a week end in New York recently and had quite a good time.

Welcome to two newcomers—Helen Doble of Linwood and Paul Brodeur of Woonsocket.

QUARTODECIMANS, a small group of early Christians, observed Christmas on March 25. However, at the Council of Nice, they joined the Western Church in celebrating Christmas on December 25. The Armenian Church clings to an earlier custom and observes Christmas on January 6.

RESTING places or *Posados* commemorate for Mexicans the journey of Mary and Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem. The *Posados* begin on December 16 and are arranged for groups, each consisting of nine families. The group meets in a different home every night before Christmas Eve. Carrying candles and following an image of Mary and Joseph, they re-enact the journey to Bethlehem and the search for shelter.

AROUND THE PLANT

by Sally Jones

Jimmy Connors of the Foundry carpenter shop met his old pal Sandy Grey recently and, both being of Scotch ancestry, had quite a discussion. Said Jimmy to Sandy, "Why don't you come up to my house and spend Christmas Eve with me? When you come, you can knock on the door with your elbow." Sandy was baffled. "Why should I use my elbow to knock on the door?" he asked. "Well," said Jim, "I'm hoping that when you do come you'll have both your hands full."

One Friday evening, after a rough session on the basketball court, Willie Brosnahan and Harold Case decided to relax and get a fourhanded cribbage game going. They got the board, pegs, and cards out, but could find no male competition. They finally settled to play a game with Marilyn Nuttall and Mary McDonald. Mary said she had only played a few times and didn't know the game too well. After the first two games, Willie and Harold were sweating more than they had sweated on the court. The females not only beat them by 16 holes the first game, but put them to shame in the second game, too. Mary McDonald, the amateur, held only one hand that wasn't in the double figures.

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FRONT COVER: We wish to thank Max Thompson, our Works accountant, for this excellent photograph of his two attractive children, Pamela and Cynthia. The year this photograph was taken, the children decorated their tree for the first time without their parents' assistance.

BACK COVER: We wish also to thank John Dean for submitting this exceptionally fine winter scene.

SCANDINAVIANS make elaborate preparations for Christmas. Weeks before the festival they renovate and gaily decorate their homes. Mountains of special meats, breads, cakes, cookies and native dishes are prepared for three weeks of hospitality which begins on Christmas Eve when an elaborate supper is followed by the lighting of the Christmas tree, family worship, singing and the distribution of gifts. In imitation of the shepherds who were first to worship Christ, attendance at church services is early on Christmas morning. Because of the presence of cattle in the stable at Bethlehem, special holiday fare is given the cattle and even the birds get a treat in the form of sheaves of grain set up on poles in the yard.

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YARD & OUTSIDE CREWS

by Bill Scanlon

George Tatro is home from the Whitinsville Hospital where he was confined with pneumonia. He praises the hospital staff and treatment to the highest. You missed your quota of rabbits and pheasants this year, George. Better luck next year.

Joe Bouvier celebrated his 56th wedding anniversary recently. Joe has been with Whitin for 59 years and is still going strong.

Bill Cupper of the Garage is back from his trip to Denver, Colo., and looking well. He must have enjoyed himself.

BOLSTER JOB

by Bizar Hagopian

Joseph Sansouci has left Department 438 to take up his new duties as a substitute carrier and clerk at the Whitinsville Post Office. Although we will all miss "San," we wish him good luck and success on his new job.

A double shower was given Lorraine Breault and her fiancé, Arthur Porter of Providence, at the Eagles Hall in North Uxbridge on Saturday, November 20, in honor of their forthcoming marriage on January 15. A number of Lorraine's fellow workers from Department 438 were present and all enjoyed a very entertaining evening.

We all wish Lionel Lahousse, our timekeeper, a very speedy recovery. Lionel was a patient at the Woonsocket Hospital recently.

Walter Turpack, supervisor of the Inspection Department of 438, spent a week's vacation hunting deer up in the vicinity of Ellsworth, Me. Walter reports that besides getting a deer, he also got a bad cold.

WINDER JOB

by "Dorsey" Devlin

Josephine Convent and Rose Gandolphi were tendered a joint birthday party at Chicken Pete's in Milford on the evening of November 17. In attendance were: Mary Whalen, Rita Skinyon, Celia Lemek, Josephine Gandolfi, Katherine Kane, Josephine Convent, and Rose Gandolfi.

We understand that Sadie Britten and Stella Ingham will be doing their eating in the Five and Ten on future visits to Worcester. It seems that some friends (?) recommended the Sheraton Hotel as a cozy place for a pleasant repast. According to Sadie and Stella, the cozy and pleasant part was correct. But the tariff was terrific!

The following are confined to the hospital at this writing with serious illnesses: Charles Burke, Mary McGeough, Hector St. Jean, and Oscar Ampagoomian. We wish them all speedy recoveries.

The boys along the drill line had some excitement a while back. On the top window in back of "Sooey" DeGateano's machine, a bat was resting comfortably. At least that is what "Sooey" and Konnie Trasavage believed. Cy Landry, detective that he is, stuck his head out the window and gave forth with the verdict that the supposed bat was nothing but a large dab of grease. I might add in passing that from where I saw the grease, it was a very original facsimile.

Katie Magill was a victim of the old army game the other evening. Katie was passing through the Milling Job on her way out at 11 o'clock, when she came across a pocketbook in the alleyway. Honest Katie picked it up and shouted to the people who were ahead of her, fearing that the person who lost the pocketbook might be minus bus fare. No one heeded her calls, so she took the "valuables" home. Upon arriving home, she proceeded to investigate the contents—and found a couple of nuts and bolts with a note, "Honesty is the best policy." Anyone picking up a pocketbook in the alleyway the next night would be surprised to find that it contained nuts and bolts—and a note which read, "You're darn right!"

We hear that the big game hunters Ethan Tatro, Bob Croteau, and "Buster" Caswell returned from their deer hunting trip with a few almost-tame rabbits

FOUNDRY

by Varkis Arakelian

James Houghton and George Berhumer went deer hunting at Rangeley Lakes, Me. Jim got a 75-pound buck, he tells us, but has no pictures to prove it. We'll take your word for it, Jim.

Edward Jennings was selected for jury duty in the Worcester Superior Court, starting December 6.

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Men of the Spinning floor and the Foundry returned to work early Wednesday noon, November 3, to watch the Dewey followers pay off their election bets. Albert Turcotte, left, paid through the nose—or near to it. He lost a bet to Leo Guertin and Walter Oolovigian and paid off by pushing a peanut down the Spinning floor alley with his nose. David Longmuir, right, wasn't behind the winning party on election day, but he was the day after. Loser Longmuir pushed Democrat Andy Hanson around the Foundry in a wheelbarrow to the cheers of the foundrymen

The Tool Job Benefit Society held a party at the Willow Club, Saturday, November 6. Four hundred people enjoyed the chicken pie and turkey dinners, and entertainment was furnished by a magician and Johnny Romasco's three-piece orchestra. On the left: Mr. and Mrs. Nap Deschene and Mr. and Mrs. Vic Oby sit one out. On the right: Mrs. and Mr. Sam Mateer, Joe Bouley, George Lemoine, and Mr. and Mrs. Armand Sansouci

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FREIGHT HOUSE

by Harold Libby

Several members of the Packing Job Office went to Boston recently to see "Finian's Rainbow" at the Shubert Theatre. All report a fine show.

Patrick DeJourdi has moved his family from Uxbridge to New Village. Welcome, Pat.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Turgeon and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Libby motored to New Hampshire and Maine for the Thanksgiving holiday.

There have been several new additions to our office during the past month. Welcome to Alfreda Lachapelle, Gladys C. Meader, Claire DeDorsay, and Cecile Gauthier.

SUPPLY ROOM

Tom Hamilton is back at his desk in the office after a week's illness. . . . Can anybody tell us why Belle Thibeault goes around singing that famous mountain ballad, "Billy Boy"?

After many anxious hours and exorbitant bills from oil burner experts (you've heard of people having "money to burn"?) John Connors has had success. His oil burner is running again. Isn't it nice to have a mechanically inclined wife, John?

Charles Brown and Irving Dalton are still arguing over politics. Charlie says "Dolly" brought all the Democrats down to the polls on election day.

GRINDER JOB

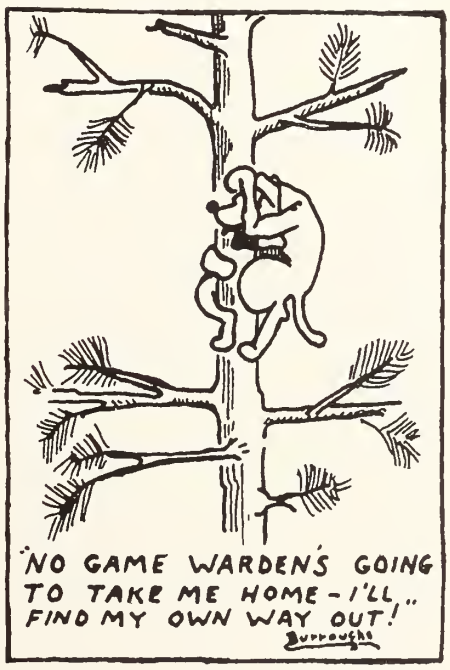
by Dorothy Antonian

Herbert Blakely, our co-worker in Department 426, recently left on a year's leave of absence. Upon leaving, Herb was presented with a portable radio, an electric razor, and a Sta-Neet comb! Best of luck to you from the gang, Herbie. We'll be waiting to welcome you back.

Arthur Ashworth and Ray Fitton made a wager as to who could pick the most winners in the football pool. The loser was to treat the winner to a fish dinner. Fitton's sharp appetite did a nose dive when Ashworth handed Ray a box of crackers and a can of sardines. Cheapest fish dinner in this section of town!

Eli Mooradian, G. DeJong, and Herman Picard were presented 20-year pins recently; Bill Markarian and Ray Fitton, 15-year pins; Archie Jacobs, a 10-year pin. Hope you fellows will be with us for many more years.

Several of our workers are now working in other departments; Eddie Boutiette is in 416, Phil Beauregard is in 427, Fran Hurst is in 411, and "Crocky" Garabedian is in Methods. We wish you success in your new jobs.



Last month we told you about Bill Todd losing his car. We top that this month. Bill went hunting and lost his dog! It's lucky that Bill has a smart dog. He knew enough to climb a tree to learn his whereabouts!

SCREW JOB

by Sylvia Simonian

Not only is Bill Mayberry an ex-champion midget auto racer, but an expert marksman. Some men spend weeks hunting for deer with no luck while Bill spent only a week end—and came home with a 200-pound deer! Here is the picture to convince all the doubting Thomases.

Mrs. Leland Watson should be mighty proud of her husband, Lee Watson, rate-setter on 411. Lee, with no outside help, has almost finished a complete laundry in his cellar for the convenience of his Mrs. The few who have already seen it claim it is a real masterpiece.

This reporter's nomination for "The Man of the Hour" is Dick Conlee. Not only does Dick work on 411 for 40 hours and work for the police force in our town, he also goes to school three nights a week. He has been going for three years now, and expects to get his Associate degree in Science next year. That's what I call real ambition.

MAIN OFFICE

Eugene Kennedy, one of our export representatives, took on a new line recently. His wife found a skunk in the sunken garbage pail and asked Gene to come home and take care of it. Suggestions from his friends ranged from lifting the skunk out by the tail to the use of a hand grenade, but Gene, being a humanitarian, was determined not to harm the skunk. That night he tried to lift the pail out with a broom handle, but the skunk was too heavy for him to handle. Ingenious Gene finally got a ladder, climbed up on the back porch roof, and (Sally Jones please note) fished around with a hook and line

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TWELFTH NIGHT or January 6 usually terminated the festivities attending the observance of Christmas in England. Long secular celebrations were looked upon with disfavor by the Puritans who influenced parliament in 1644 to forbid the celebration of Christmas. England gradually found Christmas again and Sir Walter Scott was able to write:

"England was merry England when
Old Christmas brought his sports
again."

UNDER or "Down-Under" as the Southern Hemisphere is called, celebrates Christmas in midsummer and the festival has all the characteristics of a summer carnival. In Brazil, for instance, aside from the colorful outdoor procession of the clergy, church services are not different from those held in Northern climes. But the secular celebration is attended with flowers, fireworks, picnics and boating excursions. Somehow or other, Brazilians find room also for Santa Claus complete with reindeer and sleigh.

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until he got the pail and his little playmate out on the ground. The skunk *still* couldn't climb out of the pail, and, as it was only a short distance between the pail and the ladder, Gene was "roofed." Try as he would, he could not tip the pail over so the skunk could wander off. Gene might still be on the back porch roof if his good neighbor Mr. Rainey hadn't wielded the proverbial "ten-foot pole" and tipped the pail over. The visitor eventually departed and Gene came gratefully down to earth again.

Leroy Rollins and family spent Thanksgiving in New York City and traveled to Philadelphia, Pa., to meet son Bill, who is a student at the Naval Academy at Annapolis. They attended the great Army-Navy football game on November 27. . . . Marion Boyd of the Payroll Department also attended the Army-Navy game.

The Main Office Club held a party at the Sheraton in Worcester recently for four of its members. Edna Silversten, Nellie DeVries, Evelyn McNamara, and Theresa O'Brien were feted. The four girls are leaving the office.

Remember 1919? Floreen Russell Campbell was one of the several girls that worked on our freight railroad then

Marion McCooey, who is back with us for three months to substitute for her sister Edith, spent several months in Germany last year with her husband, who is a captain in the army of occupation. Here is a glimpse of Christmas in Occupied Germany as Marion saw it.

"You might think, after so many years of war and with the resulting destitution, that the German people would have completely lost their Christmas spirit. However, I'd venture to say that they still have as much as, if not more than, we have here in America.

"For weeks before the 'big day,' men and women can be seen walking to and from the woods with trees on their backs, and, daily, German women come knocking on the doors of American-occupied homes trying to trade homemade wreaths and decorations for a little food or chocolate to put in their children's stockings.

Sandra Jane and Edward, Jr., children of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bates had their picture taken with the Mohawk Indian statue while on a recent trip over the Trail

"Another American dependent wife and I had the pleasure of giving a Christmas party last year for the young German children in our neighborhood. Most of them didn't even know what ice cream or chocolate was, and their eyes were as big as saucers when they saw so many good things to eat at one time. Each of them had evidently been reminded of his manners, and upon arriving at the party, the boys bowed and kissed our hands, and the girls made little curtsies. Rather than diving right in and eating until they could eat no more—which

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Bermuda Trip

When someone mentions Bermuda what comes into *your* mind? To the practical man with a head for business Bermuda means the home of the famous Bermuda onion, vast banana plantations, and the perfume industry centered around the Bermuda Easter lily. The sports enthusiast pictures an island of beautiful golf courses and tennis courts, populated by bicycle-riding, camera-toting vacationers. To the movie-goer, Bermuda means four-day cruises and clear azure water, pink sands, and swaying palms. But to Ernest Lawson of the Nickel Plating Room and Milton Crossland of the Picker Job, Bermuda means all these things.

Milt and Ernie, who recently returned from a ten-day vacation trip to Bermuda, give a well-rounded description of the islands. Three hours after they left La Guardia Field, they stepped out of Pan American Airlines' "Flora Temple" onto Bermudian soil. The congenial people, beautiful scenery, and warm climate made their stay one to be remembered.

The beaches are covered with pink sand and the water from the Gulf Stream is warm and crystal-clear. The colorful houses are built of coral, and, because of the scarcity of drinking water in Bermuda, a tank to catch rain water stands beside each house. Wools, china, perfume, and other luxury items imported from France and England can be bought in the shops for far less than they could be bought in the States. Sightseeing was Milt and Ernie's chief occupation during their stay. "Our trip is over" they told us, "but the memories will last for a long time."

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would have been no more than our American children would do—they were somewhat bashful and seemed almost afraid to help themselves. However, in a short while, after singing their lovely German Christmas carols around our Christmas tree and playing games, their feeling of strangeness slipped away and soon their laughter and merriment filled the house. In fact, in the end they were reluctant to leave, but we finally sent them home with their hands and pockets filled with candy and fruit. From their beaming faces we could easily see that they had thoroughly enjoyed their American Christmas party, and the pleasure they received from our little effort helped to make our own Christmas in Europe a little less lonely."

WAGE STANDARDS

The welcome mat is out to Ronald King from Worcester, William Barrett from Yonkers, N. Y., and Bill Haskill, an apprentice who is with us temporarily. . . . Arthur Wyman has left to work for the Hartford Insurance Company.

The 485 Club of the Wage Standards Department held their annual Christmas party on December 16 at the Oyster Cabin in Uxbridge with a turkey dinner. The girls of the office were invited as the guests of the 485 Club members. Those in charge of the arrangements for the party were "Babe" Rosa and Edgar Haworth.

Is someone looking for a baby sitter? We have just the man. Johnny Romasco is available—cheap. . . . We are all still wondering what the green liquid is that Russ Lupien takes a sip of at about one o'clock every day. . . . John Strachan is threatening the girl reporters with a "Walter Winchell Column." . . . George Estes, Gordon Spence, and John Strachan went a-huntin' one day. Results: They bought two pounds of hamburg and said that they had shot the rabbits twice. So the story goes. . . . The "Big Chiefs" in the office had a bit part in the play "The Man Who Came to Dinner." Little did we know that we had a radio technician and a radio announcer in our midst.

Samuel McKee I, II, III, and IV are four generations of Whitinsville McKees. Samuels Senior and Junior worked for Whitin, Samuel III was born in Whitinsville, and the youngest Samuel McKee has his Whitinsville days to look forward to—he was born June 4, 1948

NUMBER TWO OFFICE

Anne Baker appeared in a play, not once but twice, this month. The play "Coveralls" held a repeat performance by popular demand. Need more be said? Anne and the whole cast did a splendid job. Congrats to all.

Mary Morin finished her "summer" vacation in New York recently. She spent four days doing the town up in grand old Blackstone style. Mary was changed when she got back, however, after having her hair cut in a New Yorkish style by André—looks lovely. . . . George Fullerton did some travelling also. He journeyed all the way to Detroit, Mich., and then some. In the course of his travels he covered many states and an excellent football game between Michigan and Navy. George claims that the midwestern hospitality has all else beat, having given him a fine mixture of business and pleasure plus *excellent* food.

VENITE *in Bethlehem*—"Come to Bethlehem," is the invitation of the old Latin carol, *Adeste Fideles*. If the nations of the world will submit to the Gospel of the Christ who was born in Bethlehem, we may still attain "Peace on earth."

REPAIR DEPARTMENT

Elmer Benton is back from the Southern Repair Shop in Charlotte, N. C. He raved about the wonderful southern cooking and hospitality. Elmer had the opportunity to renew the acquaintance of Dick Dunn, who was formerly with the Foreign Export Division of our Main Office.

The welcome mat is out for Tom Crawford, formerly of the Payroll Department. Tom celebrated a birthday on October 21. We understand that his nose was thoroughly greased by co-workers.

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One of the most interesting clubs of which Whitin men are members is the Julian Deep-sea Fishing Club. Its purpose—fun for all who are interested in deep-sea fishing. The club, organized by its president, Francis Julian, has a total membership of 75. It is considered to be one of the largest clubs of its kind in the county. On October 28, members of the Julian Club and invited guests, wound up their season's activities with a banquet at the 1880 Club. After a delectable steak dinner, President Julian introduced the speakers of the evening, among whom were Mr. J. C. Rankine, assistant plant superintendent at Whitin, Henry Lyman, editor of *Salt Water Sportsmen's* magazine and Frank Woolner, noted sports writer for the *Worcester Telegram* and *Gazette*. The evening program was concluded with a sparkling floor show and the awarding of live turkeys to the lucky door prize winners

WISE MEN, we are told in the Gospels, came from the East to worship the new-born King. Tradition has it that there were three wise men called Balthazar, Melchior and Gaspar, who were not only scientists in their day but were also kings. They brought to the Christ Child three gifts, gold, frankincense and myrrh. The gold signified their homage to a King, their frankincense was offered in worship of His divinity, and myrrh signified His suffering and sacrificial death.

XMAS is an abbreviation for Christmas. The X in the abbreviation is not the Latin letter but the Greek letter CHI which is the first letter of Χριστος (*Christos*), the Greek word for "anointed."

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PRODUCTION DEPARTMENT

The Production Department was well represented in the recent Women's Club play, "The Man Who Came to Dinner." In the cast were Jim Stone, Jimmy Jones, and Gene Closson. From all reports, they gave a first-rate performance.

Dick Pierson of the Central Planning Division is really a fast runner. He took off from the Freight House door one noontime, headed for the Cafeteria. Before he hit the car tracks he had run right out of his shoes. Dick says he runs better in stocking feet anyway.

At an Armenian picnic Don Simmons met his old friend Sarkis Assadorian. Friends for many years, they posed together for a picture

Production dialogue. Hughie Currie: "We want production and production and then some more production." Leo Beauregard: "Careful, Hugh, we'll have a surplus!"

Happy birthday wishes for November go to: Cecil Small, Bridget Wawrzkiewicz, Vic Romasco, Justina Vasile, Betty McCudden, Jim Stone, Tad Wallace, Sylvia Lunn, John Hay, Earl Martinson, Shirley Lightbown, Rose Abbate, Alice Varteresian, Harold Whitehead, and Roger Yeaton.

Betty Zacopolous lost her bet on Northbridge to beat Uxbridge—with the result that Betty is spending her time taking slivers out of her nose. She acquired said slivers pushing a walnut across the Production Department floor.

George Hanna didn't appear too enthusiastic at this particular meeting of the Meadow View Gun Club

We would appreciate someone in the Freight House telling us if the roof leaks. One rainy morning recently we saw Sadie VanBrug strolling nonchalantly through with her umbrella open. That's what we call "coming in out of the rain."

As you have probably noticed, Main Street in front of the shop has been torn up recently. A new water main was being put in. The fact that Dottie Manter has a new car and can drive it (she says) has nothing to do with the condition of the streets.

The standings of the Production Department Bowling League are as follows:

Team	Won	Lost
Dick's BEARS	25	7
Weyman's DEERS	15	17
Andy's LAMBS	13	19
Al's TIGERS	11	21

Best of luck to Bette McGilton, who is leaving to take over as Dr. Jimmy Horan's dental assistant. Bette will make it a lot easier for anyone to be on the receiving end of a dentist's drill!

Betty McCudden celebrated her birthday on November 19. Betty received loads of birthday cards, but was particularly pleased by a handmade card sent in by Jan Smith and Del Ramsey, clerks of Department 427. Betty plans to lay it away among her souvenirs.

MASTERLIST DEPARTMENT

The Masterlist Department is overburdened with men whose first names are James. The other day Bob Brown shouted "Jim!" and six men filed up in front of his desk (Jims Brosnahan, McRoberts, Davidson, Ferry, Graham, and Henderson).

We recently spread out the welcome mat to Catherine Reeves who arrived from England recently to live here. We hope you like it here, Catherine.

The cause of that happy gleam in Val Norton's eyes was a diamond she received from her fiancé. Good luck, Val.

Obituaries

The deepest sympathy of the Number Two Office goes out to Bob Premo upon the death of his father.

Our sincere condolences go to Emile Isabelle of Department 439 upon the recent death of his father.

John J. McGuire, foreman of the cast-iron stock room of the Shop and chairman of the joint school boards of Auburn and Sutton, died November 5 at St. Vincent Hospital, Worcester. His death followed that of his son, John E. McGuire, 22, by one month in the same hospital.

A native of South Sutton, he was the son of Edward P. and Catherine A. (Shanahan) McGuire. He lived his entire life in the McGuire homestead on Sutton Street. A graduate of Uxbridge High School, he was employed for 30 years by the Whitin Machine Works and for the past number of years served as foreman of the cast-iron stock room.

He was president of the Whitco Club, composed of executives and foremen of the Whitin plant, and a member of Mumford Council, K. of C. We extend our deepest sympathy.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Arthur Anderson, whose father died November 13. Arthur is employed on the night shift on the Roll Job.

We report with regret the sudden death of Raoul Bricault, Department 438, in Woonsocket. Department 438 extends its sympathy to his brother Ernest Bricault of the same department.

Alfred M. Smith, 80, retired foreman at the Shop and resident of Whitinsville for more than 70 years, died on November 24.

Mr. Smith served as foreman of the Bolster Job for 30 years prior to his retirement 20 years ago.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the members of his family.

MARRIAGES and ENGAGEMENTS

Announcement was made in last month's SPINDLE of the weddings of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Credit and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Leduc. Due to space limitations we were unable to publish their photographs until this month.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Credit

Congratulations to Larry Dusablon of the Grinder Job and Rita Pouliot on their reeent marriage. The ceremony took place at St. John's Church, Slatersville, R. I.

Congratulations are extended to Anna Alix of Department 439 and to Henry Labrie, who were united in marriage at St. Peter's Church in Northbridge on November 13. They will make their residence in Linwood.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Juliette Druon to Jay Bourdeau. Juliette is employed on the Roll Job.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Janet Alden of the Main Office staff and William Carrick of East Douglas. Best wishes, Janet.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Eliott were married September 18 in the Episcopal Church in Milford. Margaret Pigeon was maid of honor and Richard Benner, best man

John Kneeland, Department 482, was married on November 14 to Theresa Thompson of New York. Congratulations, John.

Best wishes to Gloria Hall of Production Control who was married on November 25 to Ernest Buteau of Woonsocket.

Best wishes to Norma Kane of the Masterlist Department, and John Gegarjian who were married Saturday, November 20, in the Trinity Church, Whitinsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dionne are receiving congratulations on the birth of a seven-pound son on November 3 at the Whitinsville Hospital. Paul works on the Ring Job.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mercier are the new parents of a baby girl, Joyce Susan. Louis works in Department 448.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wallace are receiving congratulations on the birth of a baby girl. The last issue of the SPINDLE reported the birth of a boy. We apologize.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Picard on the birth of a son on October 23. The proud daddy works on the Winder Job.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gjetema recently became the parents of a seven-pound boy. Dick works in Roving Small Parts.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Mercier announce the birth of a daughter, born November 3, at the Woonsocket Hospital. Louis works in Department 448 and Mrs. Mercier was formerly employed in Department 422.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Fournier are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, born October 26 in the Whitinsville Hospital. Archie works in Department 445 and Mrs. Fournier, the former Ruth Rich, was employed in the Production Department.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Armand Roberts on the arrival of a baby boy at Doctor's Hospital, Worcester. Armand works in the Foundry.

Congratulations are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. Popkin Kasperian upon the birth of a son at the Whitinsville Hospital. Popkin is a coupler on the Roll Job.

Joseph and Yvonne Labrecque are the proud parents of a baby boy born at the Whitinsville Hospital on October 17. Yvonne was formerly an inspector on the Bolster Job.

Receiving congratulations on the birth of a boy at the Worcester City Hospital in October are the Suran Terkanians. Suran works in Department 438.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Tessier of Woonsocket are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter. Edgar works in the Core Room.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Leduc were united in marriage September 26

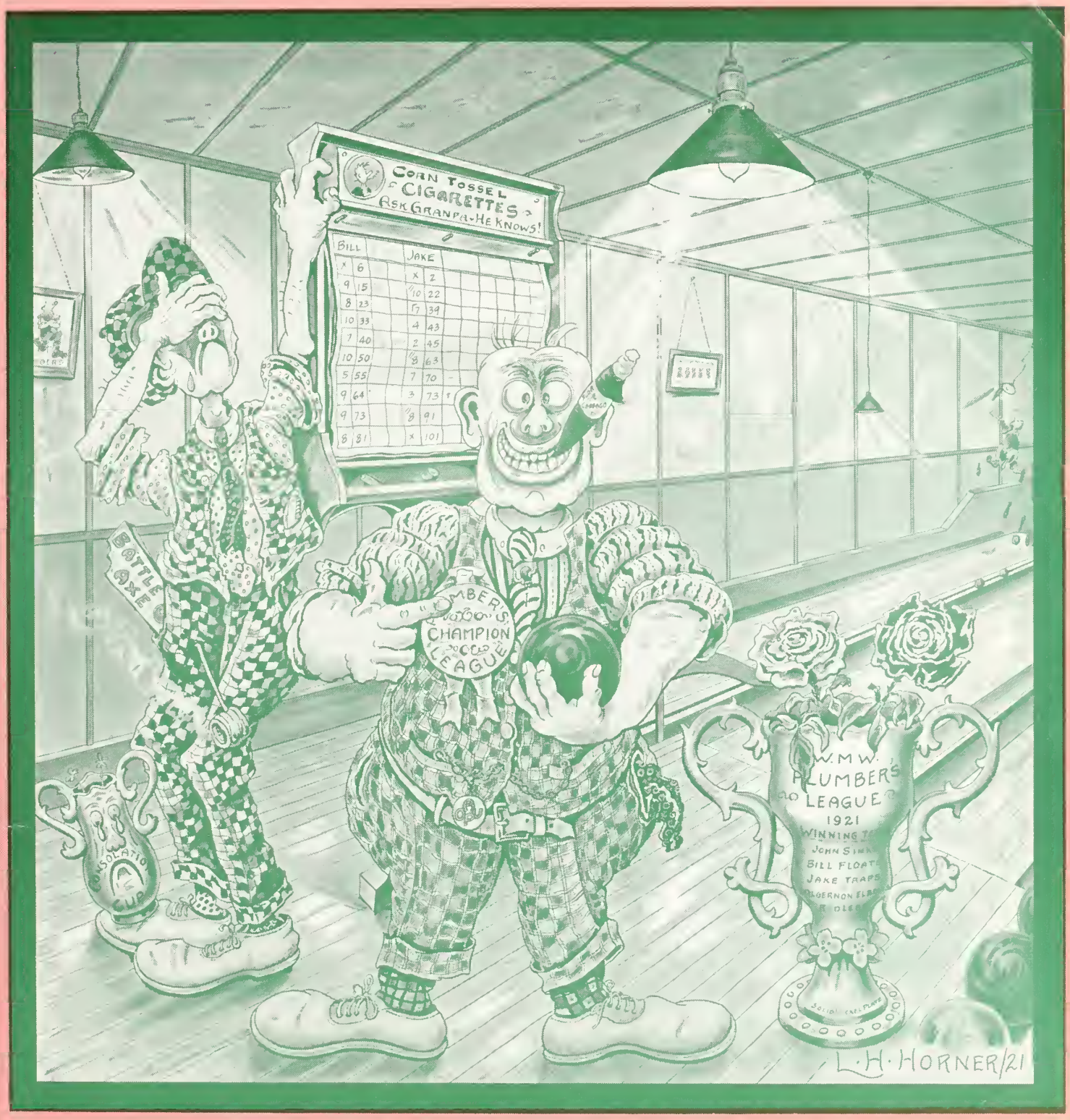
Hobby-Toy Time

If ever a person was appropriately named it is Ray Wood of the Gear Job. He likes wood and tells us, "I could work with it all day." Ray has worked not only "all day" but has consumed many a night working with his favorite medium. Some nights he stayed up until 3.00 a.m. to finish building a toy wheelbarrow or a doll's cradle. Judging by the enthusiasm and ability which he brings to it, toy-making must be second nature to Ray.

How did Ray happen to become interested in this pleasurable hobby? When he was mustered out of military service he found himself with a lot of spare time on his hands. He had many woodworking tools in his basement workshop, and one night he began to tinker with the tools. Before he knew it, he was building a toy wagon. That first wagon took two days to complete. Now he can put one together in eight or nine hours—and often does. Ray makes several kinds of toys—chairs, wagons, dolls' cradles and wheelbarrows. The wheels of the wagons are the only parts which he himself doesn't make; he buys the wheels ready-made from the factory. At present he is working on a toy garage, complete in every detail even to electric lighting furnished by means of flashlight bulbs and batteries. Making toys for his two children, Sandra and Ray, Jr. ("Chipper"), is enough to keep him busy ordinarily, he tells us, and now, with Christmas orders coming along, he expects to spend all of his spare time in his workshop.

Ray Wood builds and repairs toys of all descriptions in his basement workshop. Two examples of his handiwork are the chair that he is working on and the above cart

Until now Ray has worked only with wood, but he would like to branch out into other materials. This winter he hopes to try making picture frames and candlesticks of plastic. He's always searching for new ideas, and when he isn't working in the basement you're apt to find him reading a copy of *Popular Mechanics*. "It's a good pastime," Ray says with conviction. "There's a lot of satisfaction in it." When we think of all the joy he brings to little children, we can appreciate Ray's vast pleasure in his hobby.



The Battle Axe Twins — Bowling Champs

YULE is a word derived from the Anglo-Saxon, *Hwcol*, "wheel." The wheel represented the primitive concept of the path described by the sun in its annual journey around the earth. Yule logs were originally burned in celebration "of the return of the sun" or the time when the days began to wax longer. Through Christian influence the word Yule has become identified with Christmas and the burning of the Yule log has become identified with the Birth of Jesus, the Light of the world.

ZENICANS of Bosnia burn their Yule logs a day later than the rest of Europe. Just before sunrise the father of the household drags the log into the home where it is sprinkled with kernels of corn to express the hope that the family will enjoy a bountiful crop the following summer.

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